

Witnessing in Asia Minor

Acts 13:13-52

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Getting to Know You

1. For what things were you rewarded when you were a child? What was your reward?
2. Like Paul and Barnabas were separated from John Mark, share a time when you were separated from a friend. How did you manage that experience in a healthy way? (Acts 13:13).
3. God is faithful, which means he always does what he says he will do. He always keeps his promises, and sometimes in surprising ways. Setbacks in the mission are actually not setbacks, but setups. God is using them as part of his plan. What are some other biblical examples of apparent setbacks that actually became setups for something glorious? What are some examples in your own life? What are things happening right now in your life that feel like absolute setbacks in your effectiveness to advance the gospel, and how does God's faithfulness encourage you to hope?

Digging Deeper

1. **Read Acts 13:14-52.** What was the pattern that Paul and Barnabas followed in the cities they visited (Acts 13:5; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4; 19:8)? Why would they follow this pattern (Romans 1:16; Acts 13:46-47)?
2. In the condensed amount of time which this opportunity gives him, what does Paul choose to emphasize and why? Make a list of each time God is mentioned; what is God doing (Acts 13:17; 13:21; 13:22; 13:23; 13:30; 13:33; 13:37)?
3. In Acts 13:14, Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel. What are the core elements of the gospel found in Acts 13:28, 30, 31, 34, 38?
4. In Acts 13:45-52, Jewish opposition to the gospel once again begins to rise. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 1:22-23 that "For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,". The "stumbling block to Jews" of Christ crucified has been a common theme through Acts so far. What is the reason given for Jewish opposition in Acts 13:44-45? What happens when the Gentiles are offered the good news (Acts 13:48-49)?

As You Go

1. How has God been patient with you, and how can we better extend that patience toward others? (Acts 13:17-18)
2. In what specific ways do you need to remember that God is in control? What are the main things that tempt you to lose your grip on this truth?
3. Many witnesses affirmed the resurrection of Jesus, according to Acts 13:31. Read about some of those in Luke 24 and 1 Corinthians 15, and discuss how we can live our lives today as witnesses of the hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Prayer

- Give thanks today for the complete forgiveness provided for everyone who believes!
- Pray for your church, that the message of the gospel might be clear to all who hear.