



storyline

OF THE BIBLE

Acts 13:1-12

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting,

Acts 13:1-12

the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia,

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and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos,

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they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus.

⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician

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(for that is the meaning of his name)
opposed them, seeking to turn the
proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul,
who was also called Paul, filled with the
Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and
said, “You son of the devil,

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you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?

¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time.”

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Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

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The PURPOSE of the Church:

Glorify God [Worship]

The MISSION of the Church:

To Make His Glory Known

Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

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The mission exists because worship doesn't.

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The rhythms of the Church:

To Gather and To Scatter

Gather in worship in order to scatter on mission.

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A mission embracing church is a church that is controlled by the Holy Spirit.

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The Church in Antioch enjoyed godly and gifted leadership.

The church in Antioch worshipped Jesus through the Habits of Grace. OPEN HEARTS

The church in Antioch was generous with all that they had been given. OPEN HANDS

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Spiritually gifted teachers are a gift to the Church.

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The church in Antioch worshipped Jesus and cultivated the Spirit through the Habits of Grace. OPEN HEARTS

Acts 13:2-3

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

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The Spirit leads in the context of worship.

Fasting serves as an illustration. It is matching in your physical body the condition or desired condition of your soul.

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A Holy Spirit controlled church is a generous church.

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A Holy Spirit controlled church will always meet opposition.