

## Notes - Book of Acts Study, Part 54 – Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021

Acts 13:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

<sup>4</sup> The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

Luke 23:26

<sup>26</sup> As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

*Our past does not dictate our future.*

*Consecrate: Devote exclusively to a particular purpose. Make or declare sacred; dedicate formally to a divine purpose.*

*Sacred: connected with God*

*We are each uniquely set apart for God.*

*“You can’t really say “yes” to God’s call on your life until you can say “no” to things that will keep you from that call.”*

Ephesians 2:10

<sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Acts 6:5-6

<sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Numbers 8:10

<sup>10</sup> *You are to bring the Levites before the LORD, and the Israelites are to lay their hands on them.*

1 Timothy 4:14

<sup>14</sup> *Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*

*Saul and Barnabas went out with the empowerment and calling of the Holy Spirit.*

*When we do what we are called to do – we will succeed!*

John 5:39-40

<sup>39</sup> *You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*

*All scripture points to Jesus.*

Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup> *Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.*

<sup>16</sup> *He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:*

<sup>18</sup> *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, <sup>21</sup> and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

John 14:6

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Who do you say Jesus is?