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“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.” Acts 13:2

I. Barnabas and Saul sent forth together

- A. To deliver help to the brothers in Judea (Acts 11:27-30)
- B. Mark joins them in Jerusalem (Acts 12:25)
- C. The Holy Spirit sets apart Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:2,3)
- D. Paul’s first missionary journey (3 years) (Acts 13:4 – 15:35)

II. Balancing Grace and Truth

- A. Barnabas could be seen as a “grace person”
Grace = *charis* = undeserved kindness – giving people what they don’t deserve
- B. Saul/Paul could be seen as a “truth person”
Truth = *aletheia* = that which is absolute true in all circumstances
- C. Paul gets credit for starting churches and reaching the Gentiles, but don’t forget the “Barnabas Factor”
- D. Jesus is the ultimate example of this balance (John 1:14,17)

III. Barnabas and John Mark sent forth together (Acts 15:36 – 41)

- A. Paul and Barnabas disagree over John Mark
- B. Barnabas takes on John Mark (his cousin) to encourage him
- C. Mark became the writer of the first gospel, but don’t forget the “Barnabas Factor”
- D. The power of encouragement - To be like Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the lives of others.