

THE BOOK OF ACTS
DEVOTIONAL 

WEEK FOUR

DAY ONE

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Ch. 13: 1-13

QUESTIONS

1. Where are Paul & Barnabas when the Holy Spirit calls for them to go?
2. Following the apostles in Cyprus, where do Barnabas & Saul go and what do they do?
3. Who do they meet in Paphos and why is this significant?
4. What is Paul's message to Elymas and what is the result?
5. Here we see the Holy Spirit using the apostles to spread the gospel through powerful and supernatural works. How can we be ready and able to be used by the Holy Spirit in our lives?

PRAYER

Lord, I want to be available to your Holy Spirit. Help grow in me a desire to hear you and the courage to be obedient. I give you my life to use in whatever way you want. Give me boldness to speak out about your good news and outrageous faith to believe for the impossible to happen.

Amen

DAY TWO

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Ch. 13:13-52

QUESTIONS

1. When Paul is asked to speak a word of encouragement what message does he give and how does he do it?
2. What is the response of the people both immediately and later on?
3. Once Paul and Barnabas are faced with opposition, what message do they boldly share and how is this important to the growth of the church?
4. When presented with opposition or agreement, how do I react? Should it matter?

PRAYER

Lord, give me boldness and courage to share your good news with people regardless of their response. Teach me how to always respond with love and give me wisdom in how to approach the people in my life who need to experience your love.

Amen

DAY THREE

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Ch. 14:1-28

QUESTIONS

1. How do the people of Iconium respond to Paul & Barnabas message of the gospel?
2. What happens at Lystra and what becomes of Paul and Barnabas?
3. When have you seen the message of Jesus misinterpreted in a strange or funny way and what have you done in response?
4. Have you ever felt as if opposition was following you at every turn? What fruit can come out of it? Does it stop you or make you hesitate in sharing about Jesus?
5. Paul & Barnabas decide to go back to some of the very places they fled for their lives. What was their purpose for returning?

PRAYER

Lord, show me how to love people well even when I am misunderstood. Even when I feel pain and suffering as a result, remind me of your promise to make everything good. If I am being stopped from sharing your message of love by fear, help me to face it head on. Thank you for always walking with me even when I am unaware.

Amen

DAY FOUR

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Ch. 15:1-21

QUESTIONS

1. What is the big controversy in Antioch and why is it such a big deal?
2. How do the Apostles go about trying to deal with the issue at hand and what decision is eventually made by the council?
3. There are times that a testimony of signs and wonders from God hold more power than eloquent speech or a large understanding of theological concepts. What are some favourite testimonies in your own life of what God has done that could be shared with others?
4. How does this decision affect the church moving forward even to today?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you that wherever you go you bring freedom. Show me if there is any religious mindset or inner pharisee that is in my heart and walk with me to remove it. I turn away from that way of understanding and run towards you, Jesus. Continue to grow in me the supernatural power of your kingdom and help me to share it with the people in my life.

Thank you for continuing the good work in me and transforming me from glory to glory.

Amen

DAY FIVE

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Ch. 15:22-41

QUESTIONS

1. Why does it seem good to have men accompany Paul & Barnabas with the letter?
2. What was the reaction from the Gentiles to the letter? Why was this so important?
3. What do the apostles' do after they deliver the letter to the people in Antioch? What could this have meant for the Gentiles?
4. Shortly after one dispute is resolved it seems there is another disagreement. One that is more personal. How is it resolved and what good comes of it?
5. What can this instance teach us about disagreement and how God works with us through it?

PRAYER

Lord, I am so privileged to be a part of your plan to bring freedom and joy to everyone who receives you. Help me to continuously walk in your freedom and joy in my own life. If and when there is any disagreement with a brother or a sister guide me to treat them with honour and love. Help keep my heart pure towards them and to trust that you are working wonders among us even in the middle of it all.

Thank you for those who disagree with me and bless them today.

Amen

DAY SIX

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Ch. 16:1-15

QUESTIONS

1. Who is Timothy and why does Paul circumcise him?
2. It is clear that the Holy Spirit is directing Paul and the others where to go. How does God direct them?
3. When have you experienced the Holy Spirit guiding you and how did it look?
4. Who is Lydia and why is her belief in Jesus important?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your Holy Spirit that guide and directs me. Help me to be more aware of His gently nudging and grant me a greater level of discernment for what He is saying. Increase my ability to hear and my faith to walk it out. Help me to be a blessing to the people around me. Thank you for your message of love that never gets old.

Amen

DAY SEVEN

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Ch. 16:15-40

QUESTIONS

1. What happens with the slave girl in Philippi? What is the result and why?
2. Have you ever felt wrongly judged for the actions of your faith? What did you do?
3. Even when God supernaturally frees the prison, what do Paul & Silas do? What does this say about their mission?
4. What is the jailer's response to the message of the gospel and how does it affect his household?
5. What happens in the morning and what is Paul's response?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your supernatural freedom and salvation that never runs out. Help me to carry this with me in every situation no matter the circumstance. Holy Spirit would you continue to grow my faith that breakthrough would follow me and touch the people I encounter every day. Give me wisdom of what to say when people ask for the reason for my hope and boldness to ask for miracles. Thank you that you never stop making a way for people to encounter you. Thank you for your goodness that goes deeper than any situation. I love you Jesus.

Amen

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