

The Next Journey

BASED ON ACTS 15:36-16:19

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PAUL AND BARNABAS GO BACK TO TRAVELING AND PREACHING ABOUT JESUS.

LET'S MAKE A TRIP TO VISIT THE CHURCHES WE STARTED.

GOOD IDEA, I WANT TO ASK MARK TO GO WITH US AGAIN.

NO, MARK LEFT US THE LAST TIME.

I KNOW, BUT WE SHOULD GIVE HIM A SECOND CHANCE.

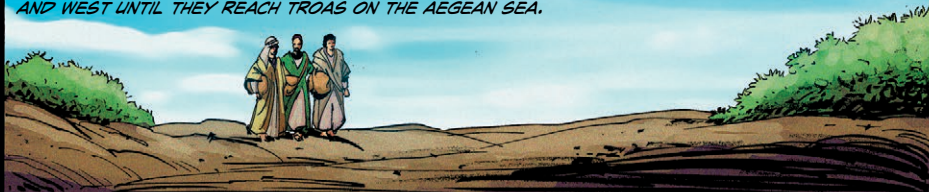
PAUL DISAGREES. SO BARNABAS AND PAUL GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS. BARNABAS TAKES MARK AND SAILS TO CYPRUS. PAUL TAKES SILAS TO VISIT THE CHURCHES HE STARTED.

PAUL RETURNS TO LYSTRA, THE CITY WHERE HE WAS STONED. THE CHURCH HAS BEEN GROWING, AND PAUL MEETS A YOUNG MAN NAMED TIMOTHY.

PAUL, I WANT YOU TO MEET TIMOTHY. HE'S BECOME ONE OF OUR BEST YOUNG LEADERS.

TIMOTHY, NEVER LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG. YOU CAN SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER BELIEVERS.

TIMOTHY EAGERLY JOIN'S PAUL ON HIS JOURNEY. SOON THE THREE TRAVELERS ARE ON THEIR WAY. GOD TELLS THEM NOT TO FOLLOW THE ROAD TO EPHEBUS. INSTEAD THEY GO NORTH AND WEST UNTIL THEY REACH TROAS ON THE AEGEAN SEA.



IN TROAS, PAUL MEETS ANOTHER NEW FRIEND ...



DR. LUKE!
THE LORD MUST
HAVE LED YOU TO
JOIN US HERE.

I CAN'T
WAIT TO TRAVEL
WITH YOU AND
SEE WHAT GOD
WILL DO.

AS THE FOUR MISSIONARIES
WALK THE STREETS OF THE
GREAT SEAPORT ...



I WONDER
WHERE GOD WANTS
US TO GO NEXT?

THE HOLY
SPIRIT WILL TELL
US SOON.

AND I'LL
RECORD ALL OUR
ADVENTURES IN
MY JOURNAL!

Trouble in Thessalonica

BASED ON ACTS 16:40-18:11; 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS

AT LYDIA'S HOUSE, PAUL, SILAS, AND TIMOTHY SAY GOOD-BYE TO THEIR FRIENDS.

THANK YOU FOR LEAVING DR. LUKE HERE TO HELP OUR CHURCH.

BE BRAVE, WE WILL RETURN SOMEDAY. HOLD ON TO YOUR FAITH IN JESUS.

TRAVELING ON ABOUT 90 MILES, THE MISSIONARIES REACH THESSALONICA ON THE AEGEAN SEA. AS HE USUALLY DOES IN A NEW CITY, PAUL GOES TO THE SYNAGOGUE TO PREACH.

THE SCRIPTURES PROMISE A SAVIOR WOULD COME. JESUS, WHO DIED ON THE CROSS AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD, IS THAT SAVIOR.

MANY PEOPLE LISTEN AND BELIEVE, BUT-AS ALWAYS-
SOME JEWISH LEADERS DO NOT ...

WE'VE GOT
TO GET RID OF
PAUL BEFORE HE
HAS THE WHOLE CITY
BELIEVING WHAT
HE SAYS.

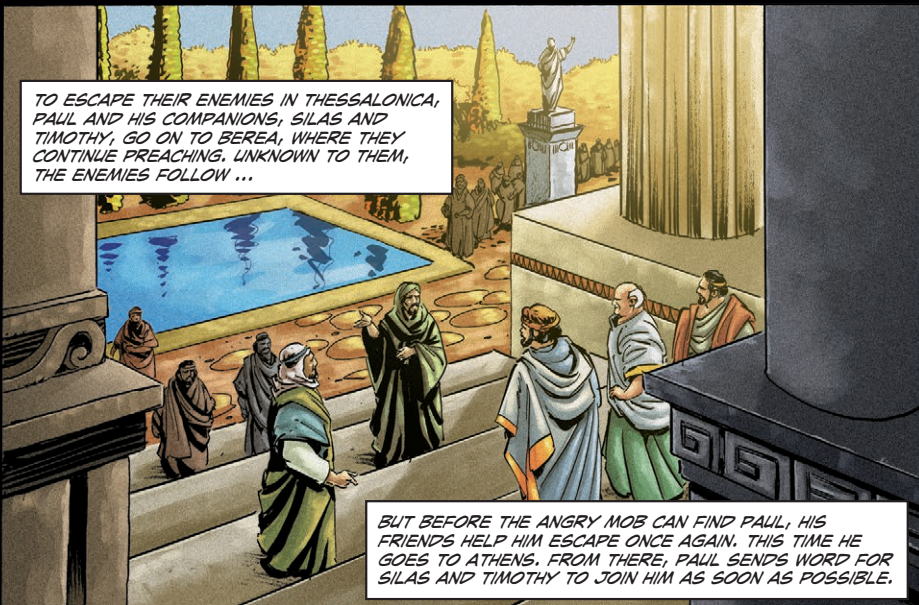
HE'S STAYING
AT JASON'S HOUSE.
LET'S GET HIM!

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS GATHER A MOB
AND GO TO JASON'S HOUSE.

GIVE US
PAUL.. WE KNOW
YOU'RE HIDING
HIM!


PAUL ISN'T
HERE! YOU CAN
LOOK FOR
YOURSELF.

THAT NIGHT, PAUL'S FRIENDS
HELP HIM ESCAPE ...

A group of men in ancient robes are gathered in a courtyard with a pool and classical columns. One man in a green robe is gesturing while speaking to others.

TO ESCAPE THEIR ENEMIES IN THESSALONICA, PAUL AND HIS COMPANIONS, SILAS AND TIMOTHY, GO ON TO BEREIA, WHERE THEY CONTINUE PREACHING. UNKNOWN TO THEM, THE ENEMIES FOLLOW ...

BUT BEFORE THE ANGRY MOB CAN FIND PAUL, HIS FRIENDS HELP HIM ESCAPE ONCE AGAIN. THIS TIME HE GOES TO ATHENS. FROM THERE, PAUL SENDS WORD FOR SILAS AND TIMOTHY TO JOIN HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Paul, wearing a green robe with a red cloak, stands in a large open courtyard, gesturing as he speaks to a large group of seated men. A statue of a man in a niche is visible on the wall behind him.

ON THE SABBATH, PAUL PREACHES TO THE JEWS. ON OTHER DAYS, HE PREACHES TO THE GREEKS IN THE MARKETPLACE. THEY INVITE HIM TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COURT OF MARS HILL. PAUL ACCEPTS EAGERLY.

MEN OF ATHENS, I'VE SEEN YOUR STATUES HONORING A "GOD YOU DO NOT KNOW." LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM. HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD WHO MADE ALL THINGS, AND HE PROVED THIS BY RAISING JESUS FROM THE DEAD.

Nobody can be raised from the dead. That's ridiculous.

I'm not so sure.



FROM ATHENS, PAUL GOES TO CORINTH, WHERE HE LOOKS FOR WORK.

MY NAME IS PAUL. I'M A TENTMAKER BY TRADE.

WHY DON'T YOU WORK WITH US? MY NAME IS AQUILA, AND THIS IS MY WIFE, PRISCILLA.

I AM ALSO A MISSIONARY. I WANT TO START A CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

PAUL PREACHES IN CORINTH ON THE SABBATH AND EARNS HIS LIVING AS A TENTMAKER DURING THE WEEK. ONE DAY SILAS AND TIMOTHY ARRIVE IN CORINTH WITH NEWS THAT THE CHURCH IN THESSALONICA IS DOING WELL.

I'LL WRITE TO THEM AT ONCE.

PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS...

I remember how joyfully you turned from your idols to serve the true God. No longer do we belong to the dark of night. We are all sons of the light and children of the day. Don't be like the rest of the world that sleepwalks through life. Live in joy; pray constantly, and thank God for everything that happens to you—good or bad. Do not worry, because we will meet Jesus in heaven when we die.

PAUL STAYS IN CORINTH FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. DURING THIS TIME, HE WRITES ANOTHER LETTER TO THE CHRISTIANS IN THESSALONICA.

PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS...

Our Lord Jesus Christ will come back again—but that doesn't mean you can stop working in the meantime. If someone doesn't work, then he doesn't get to eat, either. Never get tired of doing the right thing. Before Jesus comes back, a man of lawlessness who hates the truth will claim to be God. So stand strong and stay true to the teachings of our Lord, so you will not be deceived.

FROM ROME, PAUL WRITES HIS FINAL LETTERS ...

Fight the Good Fight

BASED ON TITUS; 2 TIMOTHY

PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS ...

We followers of Christ must be good examples to the world. Be honest and serious, careful about what you say. That way, your enemies will be embarrassed, because no one will believe anything bad about you.

PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY ...

Be strong, like a soldier for Christ. Remember the truth you learned from me and the Scriptures. Keep preaching it, even though the time will come when people don't want to hear the truth. Follow Scripture, because it is all inspired by God, and it equips us to do good.

PAUL'S CASE COMES TO TRIAL. GUARDS MARCH HIM INTO THE COURT OF NERO.





Pause a minute

1. Have your family work together on the devotional this week. Your mom's just called for you to start lunch—your cousins, who are visiting for the afternoon, will arrive before she will. What is she thinking? You don't really know which dressing would taste the best for carrots and celery—ranch or French dressing, maybe barbecue sauce. But how hard can it be to put out veggies and dip? Maybe you can do this, after all.

Read 2 Peter 3:18.



Take a look back

3. How do you exercise your faith? Where do you get—and give—a taste of how God is at work?

key verse

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18



Record your thoughts

4. Write a family recipe for how to live out your faith. What ingredients, besides knowing God's Word, are needed? How much time does it take to serve Good News? Check frequently to see how the recipe is working.

Read more this week about exercising your faith:

☐ Acts 16:1–3 ☐ Acts 17:13–14 ☐ 1 & 2 Timothy

**faith
forward**
in touch with God



Play it out

2. You can't serve a feast just by following a recipe and reading along or watching a reality TV cooking show. You have to fix it with your hands. Just like cooking means learning to crack open both an egg and a cookbook, exercising faith means not only reading about God's ways but also living out your faith. Timothy learned this by helping Paul share the Gospel. They not only talked about the Good News, but they took it to people in doubt, put their lives on the line, and even got in hot water once in a while. Talk together about ways your family helps each other grow in faith.

