

**THE LIFE OF PAUL — WEEK 12**  
**Filled with Jealousy, Filled with Joy Acts 13:42–52**  
**9-20-26**

**MAIN IDEA:** When the gospel begins to spread, opposition may come—but God's mission cannot be stopped. We can respond to rejection and difficulty with **faith, courage, and Spirit-filled joy**.

**1. WHEN GOD'S WORD GROWS — Acts 13:42–44** Paul and Barnabas continued preaching, and by the next Sabbath “**almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.**”

**Key Point:** God can take something that begins small and use it in ways we never expected. When God brings growth, remain humble and focused on Christ.

**Acts 13:44** — “Almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.”

**2. JEALOUSY REVEALS THE HEART — Acts 13:45** The Jewish leaders saw the crowds and were “**filled with jealousy.**” Instead of celebrating what God was doing, they responded with rivalry and opposition.

**James 3:15–16** teaches that jealousy is earthly and unspiritual.

**Key Point:** Jealousy can reveal a desire for position, recognition, or control. When others are blessed, we can choose to celebrate God's work rather than compete with it.

**3. OPPOSITION CANNOT STOP THE GOSPEL — Acts 13:45–46** Paul and Barnabas faced contradiction and abuse, but they continued to boldly proclaim God's Word.

**Key Point:** Rejection does not mean God's Word has failed. We are responsible for faithfully sharing the gospel and trusting God with the response.

**Acts 13:46** — Paul and Barnabas declared that they would continue taking God's message to those who would receive it.

**4. THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL PEOPLE — Acts 13:47–49**

Paul reminded the people that God's plan included the Gentiles.

**Acts 13:47** — “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” The Gentiles received the message with gladness, and “**the word of the Lord spread through the whole region**” (Acts 13:49).

**Key Point:** We are called to carry the light of Christ to the people around us.

**5. JOY CAN SURVIVE REJECTION — Acts 13:50–52**

Paul and Barnabas were expelled from the region, but they did not allow rejection to defeat them. They shook the dust from their feet and continued forward.

**Acts 13:52** — “And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

**Key Point:** Christian joy is not dependent on circumstances, acceptance, or comfort. The Holy Spirit gives us strength to keep moving forward.

**THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION:**

**Guard Your Heart:** Ask God to reveal jealousy, pride, or the desire for recognition.

**Celebrate Others:** When someone else is blessed, celebrate what God is doing in their life.

**Stay Faithful:** Don't allow rejection to keep you from following God's direction.

**Be a Light:** Look for someone who needs the hope of Christ and share His love.

**Take One Step:** If God has been asking you to obey in an area of your life, take one concrete step this week.

**REMEMBER:**

**Rejection cannot stop God's mission.**

**Jealousy does not have to control our hearts.**

**Persecution cannot steal our joy.**

**We can remain filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.**

**“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” — Acts 13:52**



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