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CHARACTER STUDIES



# Acts 4:36-37

<sup>36</sup>Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus by birth, the one the apostles called Barnabas (which is translated Son of Encouragement), <sup>37</sup>sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.



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# Acts 9:26-27

## SAUL IN JERUSALEM

<sup>26</sup>When he arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, since they did not believe he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup>Barnabas, however, took him and brought him to the apostles and explained to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road and that the Lord had talked to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.



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# Acts 11:19-26

## THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH

<sup>19</sup>Now those who had been scattered as a result of the persecution that started because of Stephen made their way as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup>But there were some of them, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.



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<sup>22</sup>News about them reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to travel as far as Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts, <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And large numbers of people were added to the Lord.





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<sup>25</sup>Then he went to Tarsus to search for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught large numbers. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.



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# Acts 12:25

<sup>1</sup>After they had completed their relief mission, Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, taking along John who was called Mark.



# Acts 13:1-3

## PREPARING FOR THE MISSION FIELD

<sup>1</sup>Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

<sup>2</sup>As 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>Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off.





# **Paul's First Missionary Journey**

- **Antioch (of Syria)**
- **Seleucia**
- **Salamis**
- **Paphos**
- **Perga**
- **Pisidian Antioch**
- **Iconium**
- **Lystra**
- **Derbe**

# Acts 15:36-39

<sup>36</sup>After some time had passed, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit the brothers and sisters in every town where we have preached the word of the Lord and see how they're doing." <sup>37</sup>Barnabas wanted to take along John who was called Mark. <sup>38</sup>But Paul insisted that they should not take along this man who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone on with them to the work. <sup>39</sup>They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed off to Cyprus.





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**Proper Encouragement  
requires Sacrifice**





**You're either a good  
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