

Empowered: To Be Missionaries (one sent on a mission)

6/18/17

Acts 1-12 Recap

Acts 13

“and said, “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?”

Acts 13:10 ESV

(How often do we find ourselves walking on crooked paths that God intended to be straight?" Jacob when he was 8- opposite of "straight.")

“And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'”

Acts 13:22 ESV

(Q: How do you know if you're someone after God's heart? A: You follow HIS will for your life.)

“And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you.”

Acts 13:32-33 ESV

(Often times God will promise something to one generation and fulfill it in the next. Begotten--beget: to bring life to; to give rise to; bring into being; create)

“And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.”

Acts 13:43-45 ESV

(How quickly things can turn. Funny how we can want someone to do well...but not TOO well. Just to the point that it benefits me and then, ok that's enough.)

Jerusalem-Judea/Samaria-Ends of the Earth

(Not only physical location but also comfort zone

Family & Friends-Enemies & Awkward People-Strangers)

“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 13:52 ESV

(Should be our everyday goal and expectation- JOY: delight; triumph; ecstasy)