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JULY - SEPTEMBER

Week 4: Stop, Drop, Roll

Acts 13:2-4

Quarter 3 (July - September): Live Empowered

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ACTS 13:1-3 (CSB)

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. As they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said,

ACTS 13:1-3 (CSB)

“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off.

STOP to worship
DROP distractions
ROLL forward

“Discernment is the capacity to recognize and respond to the presence and activity of God—both in the ordinary moments and in the larger decisions of our lives.”

- Ruth Haley Barton

Discernment - learning to hear God in your everyday

**God calls people who are already obeying, already
serving, and already listening.**

FIVE PRINCIPLES OF DISCERNMENT

(1) Want God more than Guidance

ACTS 13:2 (CSB)

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.

“The noise of the modern world makes us deaf to the voice of God, drowning out the one input we most need.”

- John Mark Comer, *“The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry”*

FIVE PRINCIPLES OF DISCERNMENT

(2) Turn down the noise to turn up the clarity

ACTS 13:2 (CSB)

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.

FIVE PRINCIPLES OF DISCERNMENT

(3) Listen for clarity that aligns with God's character

ACTS 13:2 (CSB)

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.

ACTS 9:15 (CSB)

But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for this man is my chosen instrument to take my name to Gentiles, kings, and Israelites.

How do you know if it's God speaking?

- Does it align with Scripture?
- Does it reflect God's character—truth, love, justice, grace?
- Does it promote peace, not chaos?
- Does it move you toward Christlikeness?

**The Holy Spirit will never guide you in a way that
contradicts the living or written Word.**

FIVE PRINCIPLES OF DISCERNMENT

(4) Don't go solo, discern in community

ACTS 13:3 (CSB)

...Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off.

Stop - Seek God's presence first

Drop – Silence the noise and distractions.

Roll – Move forward in obedience,
even if it's just the next step.