

# Missions in Action

# Acts 13:1-4

**1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon..., Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 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." 3 Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off. 4 So being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. (CSB)**

# Church Leaders

**Barnabas - A Levite from Cyprus**

**Simeon - A Black African**

**Lucius - A Cyrene from North Africa (Libya)**

**Manaen - Friend of Herod Antipas (the Tetrarch)**

**Saul (Paul) - Ethnic Jew from Tarsus**

# Luke & Acts

**Luke wants us to see, in Acts 13, that the Gospel breaks society's established barriers.**

*Racial Barriers*

*Language Barriers*

*Socio-Economic Barriers*

*Age Barriers*

*Religious Barriers*

# Personal Barriers

**Jesus will break personal burdens and barriers as well! He'll break  
burdens:**

*In Your Spiritual Life*

*In Your Health and Physical Body*

*Of Addiction*

*Of Your Mental Health*

*Of Worry and Doubt*

# Acts 13:2-3

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# **Dr. Stanley M. Horton**

**"Luke emphasizes that they were "sent on their way by the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is a Person. They did not treat him as a power "to seize and use," as Simon had wanted to do (Acts 8:19). Paul and Barnabas were willing to let the Holy Spirit use them. He sent them. He continued to be with them."**

# Acts 13:47-52

**47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”, 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and honored the word of the Lord, and all who had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the prominent God-fearing women and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their district. 51 But Paul and Barnabas shook the dust off their feet against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. (CSB)**



# Persecution

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# Shake Off the Dust!

**We need to shake off the dust and carry on!**

**Shake it off our relationships!**

**Shake it off our family!**

**Shake it off our spiritual lives!**

**Shake it off our jobs!**

**Shake it off our mission!**

**Shake it off our church!**

# Mark 6:7-13

**6** “He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs and gave them authority over unclean spirits. **8** He instructed them to take nothing for the road except a staff—no bread, no traveling bag, no money in their belts, **9** but to wear sandals and not put on an extra shirt. **10** He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that place. **11** If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, when you leave there, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” **12** So they went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They drove out many demons, anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.” (CSB)

# Acts 1:8

**8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (CSB)**

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Please pray continually!

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