

Press On! - Part 2

This series examines how the Church at Antioch pressed forward despite its circumstances and how God used it as a catalyst for Gospel expansion and the growth of the NT Church.

Main Point: Throughout history, God has used unexpected events, everyday Christians, and those who dared to be different to reach the world. This hasn't changed.

Acts 11:22-26 (NLT)

²²When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. ²⁴Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. ²⁶When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers^[a] were first called Christians.)

1. When _____ things happen, _____ take notice. (22-24)

- 2) What some saw as a _____, Barnabas knew was _____ and God-ordained. (25)

- 3) Under Barnabas and Saul's leadership, the church gained a _____ (They were called Christians). (26)