BOOK OF ACTS 13:1-12

Empowered by Heaven, Opposed by HelL

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. **Acts 13:1 NIV**

- **God doesn't need perfect people; He just needs willing people**

2 While 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 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. 4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper. **Acts 13:1-5 NIV**

- **What Heaven empowers, Hell opposes.**

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
Romans 7:21 NIV

- **You can't stop opposition from happening, but you can choose not to be stopped by it.**

6 They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, 7 who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith.

- **Don't let a lying Elymas keep you from a living Savior**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **Psalm 147:3 NIV**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9 NIV**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Romans 8:1 NIV**

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. **John 8:36 NIV**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10 NIV**

…I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV**

9 Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10 "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?

11 Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord. **Acts 13:9–12 NIV**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 NIV**

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. **John 1:12 NLT**

And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." **Acts 16:30-31 NKJV**

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. **Romans 10:9-10 NIV**