

Planting churches wasn't enough.
These young believers needed strengthening, encouragement, and structure to survive and thrive.





"through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God"

Following Jesus doesn't exempt us from suffering but gives us meaning and hope within it.

Every global church is a living organism as well as a local organization.

There is no chapter and verse in the Bible that encourages people to serve God separate from the church.

Paul and Barnabas recognized that human appointment alone wasn't enough.

These leaders needed divine empowerment and protection.



Ministry success demands a successor.



"...where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled,"

Fulfilled - "pleroo" to complete or accomplish fully

"...they declared all that God had done with them."

God wasn't working despite them or around them but with them as partners in His redemptive mission.

"opened a door of faith to the Gentiles"

The gospel had broken through ethnic and cultural barriers, and the church would never be the same.



"remained no little time with the disciples"

Even the most dedicated servants need seasons of restoration and fellowship.

