



CHANGED PEOPLE

ACTS

CHANGING THE WORLD

³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus,
³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. (Acts 4:36-37 NLT)

⁴ So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit. They went down to the seaport of Seleucia and then sailed for the island of Cyprus. ⁵ There, in the town of Salamis, they went to the Jewish synagogues and preached the word of God. John Mark went with them as their assistant.

⁶ Afterward they traveled from town to town across the entire island until finally they reached Paphos, where they met a Jewish sorcerer, a false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He had attached himself to the governor, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. The governor invited Barnabas and Saul to visit him, for he wanted to hear the word of God.

⁸ But Elymas, the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Barnabas and Saul said. He was trying to keep the governor from believing.

⁹ Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye.
¹⁰ Then he said, “You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord?”

¹¹ Watch now, for the Lord has laid his hand of punishment upon you, and you will be struck blind. You will not see the sunlight for some time.” Instantly mist and darkness came over the man’s eyes, and he began groping around begging for someone to take his hand and lead him.

(Acts 13:4-11 NLT)



⁴ Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.
(1 Corinthians 4:4 NLT)

¹² When the governor saw what had happened, he became a believer, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord. (Acts 13:1-12 NLT)

“God will ask us to do hard things.”

“Often things do become more difficult after we obey God. You cannot determine if you’re in God’s will by whether or not things are going well in your current circumstances. ‘Open’ and ‘closed’ doors are not always indications of God’s direction.”

Henry Blackaby

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² One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” ³ So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way. (Acts 13:2-3 NLT)

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¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. (Romans 12:12 NLT)

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. (Ephesians 6:18 NLT)

We need to learn to discern the Spirit's leading

1. Does it Agree with Scripture?
2. Does it Align with Christ's Character?
3. Is it Confirmed by Others?
4. Will this accomplish God's purposes in the world?

We Need to Act

God is big enough to “recalculate our routes”
when we misunderstand his directions.

“We can make our plans,
but the LORD determines our steps.”
(Proverbs 16:9 NLT)