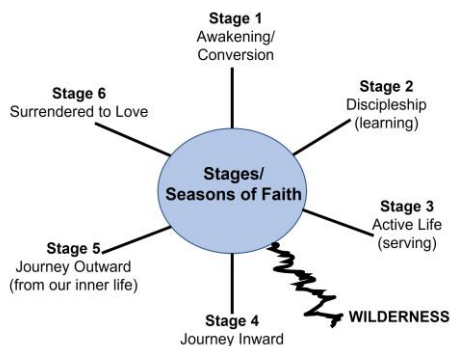


34 AD – Paul’s conversion
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67 AD – Paul executed in Rome by Nero



Acts 13:1-3

*1 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.
 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.*

- Herod the tetrarch = Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled over the Jewish territory of the Roman Empire, had John the Baptist beheaded



*Acts 13:4-5
 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.*

Seleucia = port city in Syria

John Mark = author of the Gospel of Mark



➤ **Declaring the certainty of Jesus' supremacy**

Acts 13:38-39

38 "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

"The story that began with Abraham—the story, that is, of how the One God was addressing the deep problems of the whole human race and hence of creation itself—had reached its goal. Israel's God had defeated the forces of darkness that had held the nations captive and, in a majestic second Exodus, had brought Jesus through death to resurrection and had thereby declared him to be David's true son, Israel's Messiah, and the world's true Lord."

– N.T. Wright

➤ **Disturbing the power structures of the day**

Acts 13:6-8

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.

proconsul = governor of the area, commissioned by Rome

"Those who marry the spirit of the age will find themselves widows in the next."

– G.K. Chesterton

➤ **Suffering the consequences of faithfulness**

Acts 13:49-52

49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Paul saw tremendous spiritual fruit and bore the scars to reflect it.

The local church living in the way of Jesus is an extraordinary force in the world.



"...I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer before taking off his prison garb, kneeling on the floor praying fervently to his God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution, he again said a short prayer and then climbed the steps to the gallows, brave and composed...In almost fifty years that I worked as a doctor, I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God." – Dr. H. Fischer-Hullstrung

(camp doctor at Flossenburg Prison)