Follow Me As I Follow Christ - A Journey with Paul

“The Pleasure of Partnership”

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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Introduction:
A. All of us will be glad to know that we don’t have to face the Christian ____ and ________ alone.
B. How many of you remember the ________ ____________? Was he really alone? ____.
C. God’s greatest servants never served alone.
   1. Moses had ____________.
   2. David had ____________.
   3. Elijah had ____________.
   4. Jesus sent them out in ________ (Mk. 6:7).
D. God’s will for ministers and ministries includes ________________.

I. The Story
A. Acts 11 opens with a bang - __________ _______ are sweeping the region and Antioch is the nerve center.
B. Acts 11:19-24
   1. When the news of these developments reach the church in ____________, they decided to send ____________ to Antioch.
   2. Considering what Barnabas discovered in Antioch, what did he need? He needed ________!
C. Acts 11:25-26
   1. Barnabas knew where to find his number-one choice for a ministry partner - ____________.
   2. It is no mistake that the disciples were first called ____________ in Antioch.
   3. Thinking back over the last several years in _____ life, it isn’t hard to understand why he was an excellent choice for this leadership role.
D. There are few things more attractive and effective than a gifted and competent leader who is truly ________.
E. “Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God.” (Warren Wiersbe)

II. The Application
A. Three truths that produce an atmosphere of joyous cooperation.
   1. God is in charge of the ____________.
   2. God is in charge of the ____________.
   3. God is in charge of the ____________.
B. Ministry works best when it is done as a ____________.