

LIVING IN THE SHADOWS
1 PETER 5:12 / 1-19-20 / P.M.

I. HIS LIFE.

- A. He had two names, as many did.
 - 1. “Silas” was a Jewish name and is the same name as “Saul”.
 - 2. “Silvanus” was his Latin name.
- B. He is mentioned 17 times in the N.T.
 - 1. Thirteen as Silas in Acts.
 - 2. Four times as Silvanus in the epistles.
- C. Apparently, he was a Roman citizen like Paul—Acts 16:37 “**We**”.
- D. He is first mentioned in Acts 15:22 as an emissary of the Jerusalem church sent to Antioch—Acts 15:22.
- E. He accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey recorded in Acts 15:40. The word “chose” indicates Paul could have picked someone else, but selected Silas—Acts 15:40.
- F. He spent a brief time in a Philippian jail along with Paul—Acts 16:22-25.
- G. Later he also worked along side of Peter in Rome—1 Peter 5:12.
- H. His strengths
 - 1. He was dependable in his work with the Jerusalem church, and Paul and Peter.
 - 2. He was fearless—Acts 15:25-27.
 - 3. He was a faithful Christian brother as Peter wrote in First Peter 5:12.
 - 4. He exercised his spiritual gift of preaching—Acts 15:32.
 - 5. He was trustworthy as we read in Acts 15:22.
 - 6. He was a leader as Acts 15:22 indicates.

II. HIS LESSONS.

1. Be obedient to God's call to serve.
2. Share the gospel as you have opportunity.
3. Realize the influence for Christ you can have with your family.
4. Accept that bad things can happen even if you are doing something good.
5. Worship God regardless of your circumstances (Acts 16:25).
6. Remember God can deliver you from the storms of life if that is His plan.
7. Praising God during times of difficulty has powerful effects not only on you but also on those around you.
8. The best thing you can do for another person is tell them about Jesus.