

# **“God’s Command For Committed Men”**

## **Acts 13:47**

On his first missionary journey, the apostle Paul finds himself in the city of Pisidian, Antioch. They were preaching Jesus and the resurrection (vv. 30, 33, 34, 37). The response which Paul received was very significant (v. 44). It was at this point that God told Paul to move from preaching to the Jews to the Gentiles. Verse 47, in particular, could be seen as God’s command for a committed man. Notice the three principles drawn from this text:

- I. FIND THE PLACE to which God leads you (v. 47a “I have placed you...”)
  - A. It will be a place where your MINISTRY IS NEEDED (v. 15)
  - B. It will be a place where your MESSAGE IS NEEDED (vv. 42-43)
  - C. It may be a place where the MESSENGER IS MISTREATED (vv.45-50)
  
- II. FULFILL THE PURPOSE for which God has called you (v. 47b “...as a light to the Gentiles, that you should bring salvation...”)
  - A. We are to SPREAD GOD’S WORD TO THE WORLD (v. 47)
  - B. We are to SUPPORT GOD’S WORK THROUGH THE CHURCH (v. 52)
  
- III. FOCUS ON THE PROJECTION in which God will use you (v. 47c “...to the end of the earth.”)
  - A. God’s Word is projected through THE WHOLE CITY (v. 44)-Acts 1:8a
  - B. God’s Word is projected through THE WHOLE REGION (v. 49)-Acts 1:8b
  - C. God’s Word is projected through THE WHOLE WORLD (v. 47c) Acts 1:8c

What then is God’s command to committed men and women? ...to you? How committed are you to His command?

1. Find the PLACE to which God leads you!
2. Fulfill the PURPOSE for which God calls you!
3. Focus on the PROJECTION in which God will use you!