

Dublin Baptist Church
I Will Encourage By Developing Leadership
July 10, 2022

Acts 11:25-30

²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers^[a] living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Investing In Leaders: (25)

Find those with giftings:

Barnabas new to go to Tarsus, it was Paul's hometown and where the believers sent him when his life was in danger.

“So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of Lord. And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.” Acts 9:28-30

It has been 7-8 years and no one has come. Saul may be doubting his place or his gifting.

Give a place for those with the gifting. Paul had the gifting, Barnabas used His influence to give Paul a platform

Grace is giving others platforms of leadership

“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:10

Building The Legacy: (26)

Both Paul and Mark would encourage and built up by Barnabas. Together they wrote 14 of the 27 New Testament books. Just over half of the New Testament.

The people who were taught, (a great many people). At Antioch were a number of young and uninstructed believers.

Not just in Antioch, but for generations and around the world.

The legacy is the name, the name became Christian or little Christs.

Luke's references to new converts. Those Being Saved in Acts 2:47, Disciples in Acts 6:1, People of the Way in Acts 9:2, Saints in Acts 9:13, Brethren in Acts 9:30, Believers in Acts 10:45, Those Being Saved in Acts 2:47

They taught them to become that, and they modeled that for them.

Enduring Through The Hardship: (27-30)

The foretelling of famine:

Josephus confirms this famine during the time of Claudius

We live in a famine of God's Word, Biblical foundations, and spiritual leadership

The call is for each of us to give according to his ability, not his desire.

Are you using your gift for the Kingdom of God? Are you a steward of the gifting God has given you?

Serving and serving through the hard times builds the trust and depth

Saul and Barnabas were chosen because of who they were in terms of character.

Furthermore, the young Gentile Antioch church is serving and providing for the needs of the Jewish mother church in Jerusalem.

Moment of Decision:

At the end of your life, is it going to be about you and what you have done, or others and what you have poured into them? Is it going to be how great a leader you are, or how many leaders you raised up.

The command is not be a great disciple but to make disciples.