

EASTER WEEKEND

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONALS

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GOOD FRIDAY

April 3 • 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross • 3:00pm - 7:00pm

EASTER WEEKEND

April 4 • 5:00pm

April 5 • 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:30am

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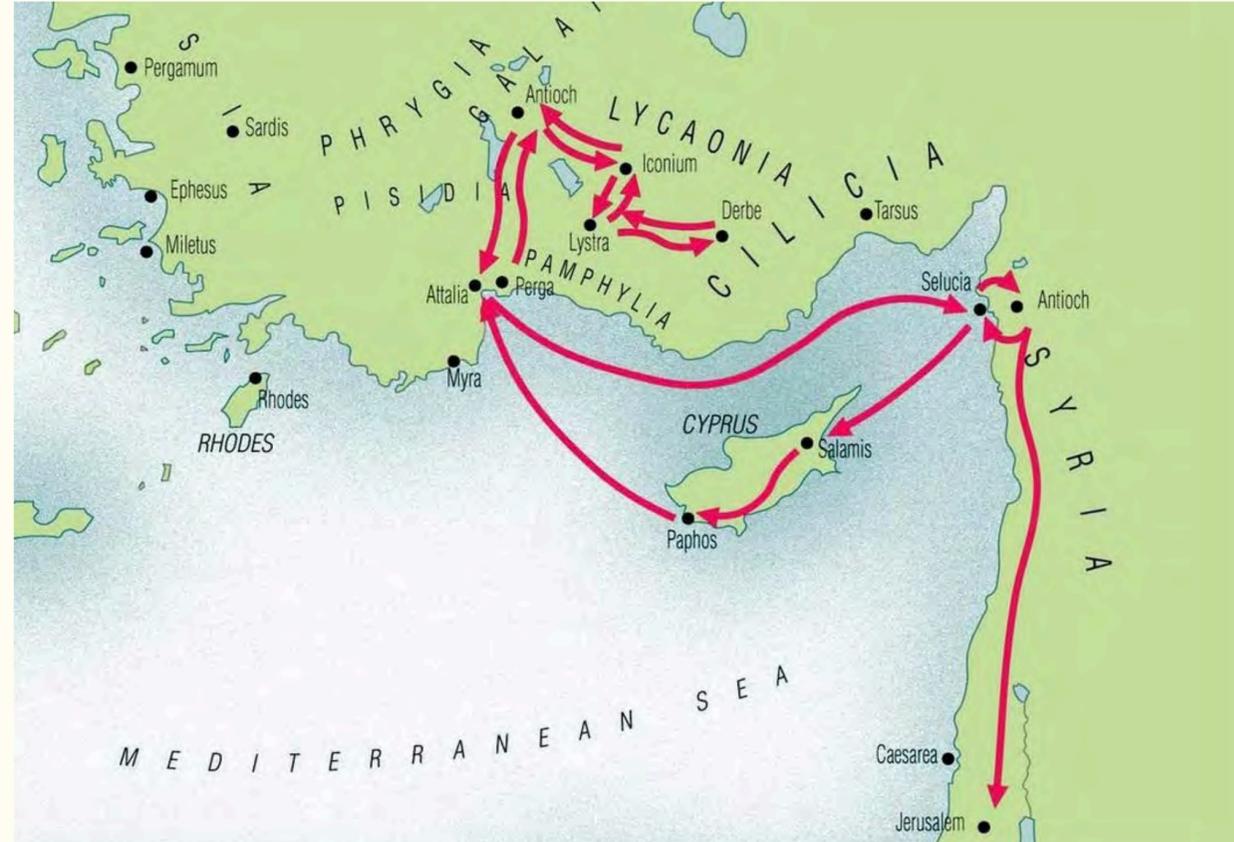
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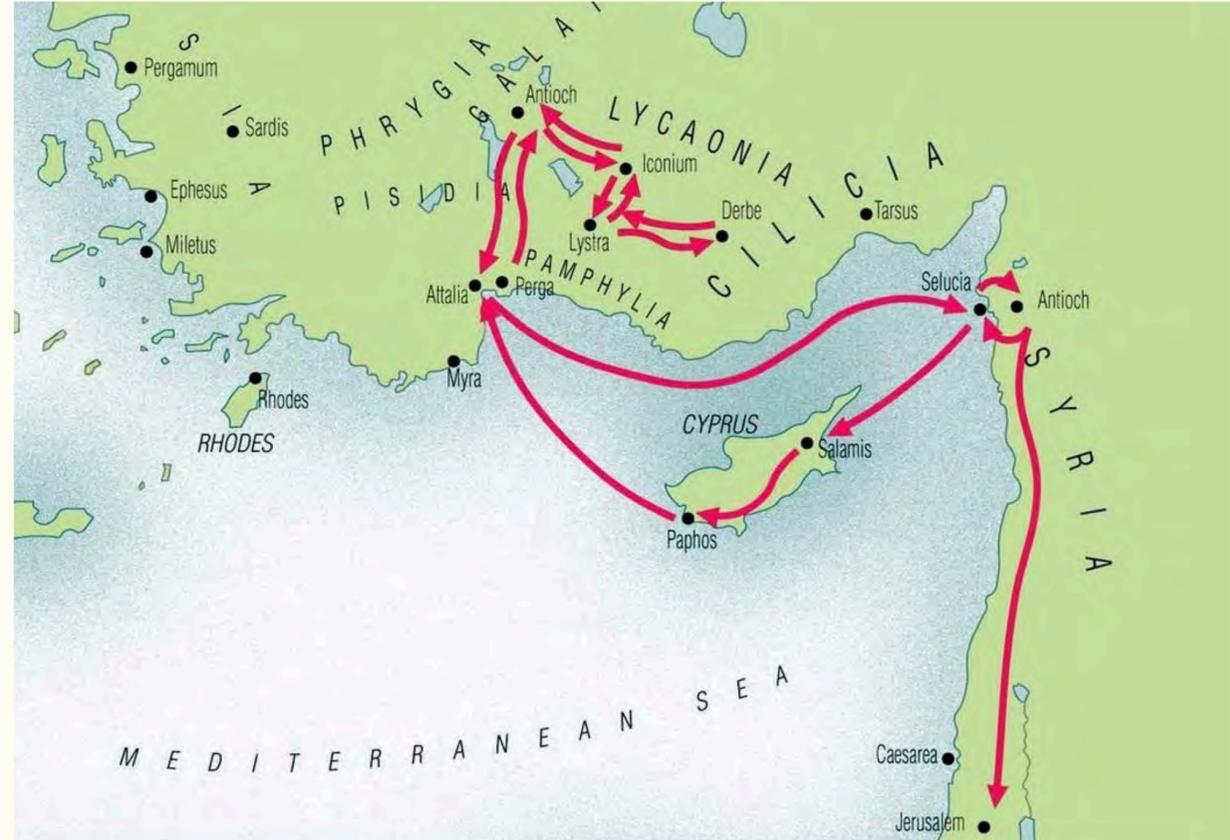


Paul & Barnabas's First Missionary Journey

ACTS 13-14

- 1-2 years
- 1200+ miles
- 5+ Churches planted
- Thousands of new believers

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The Jerusalem Council

ACTS 15:1-35

- Questions over the Mosaic Law
- What is required for salvation?
- Paul & Barnabas go to Jerusalem to clear things up
- Judas & Silas return to Antioch with them

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This brought Paul and Barnabas
into **sharp dispute** and debate with them.

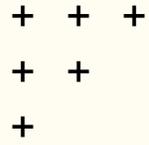
ACTS 15:2A NIV

They had such a **sharp disagreement**
that they parted company...

ACTS 15:39A NIV

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How can two people **filled with
the Holy Spirit disagree?**



Vision

WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPEN

Mission

PRIMARY METHOD TO REALIZE VISION

Strategy

SPECIFIC STEPS TO FULFILL MISSION





VISION

GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

MISSION

STRATEGY

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8 NIV



VISION

GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

MISSION

ESTABLISH CHURCHES IN EVERY CITY

STRATEGY

Paul and Barnabas **appointed elders** for them in **each church** and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

ACTS 14:23 NIV



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THREE TRIPS TO EACH CHURCH

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- Acts 13:49

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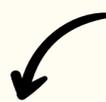
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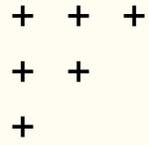
Who is “us”?



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ACTS 15:37-38A NIV



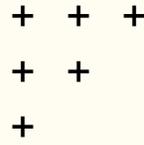
Who was John Mark?

SON OF EARLY CHURCH LEADER MARY

When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of **Mary the mother of John, also called Mark**, where many people had gathered and were praying.

ACTS 12:12 NIV





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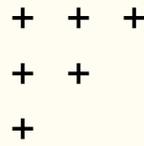
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COUSIN OF BARNABAS

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings,
as does **Mark, the cousin of Barnabas.**

COLOSSIANS 4:10 NIV





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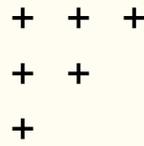
COUSIN OF BARNABAS

COMPANION ON FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

John was with them as their helper.

ACTS 13:5B NIV





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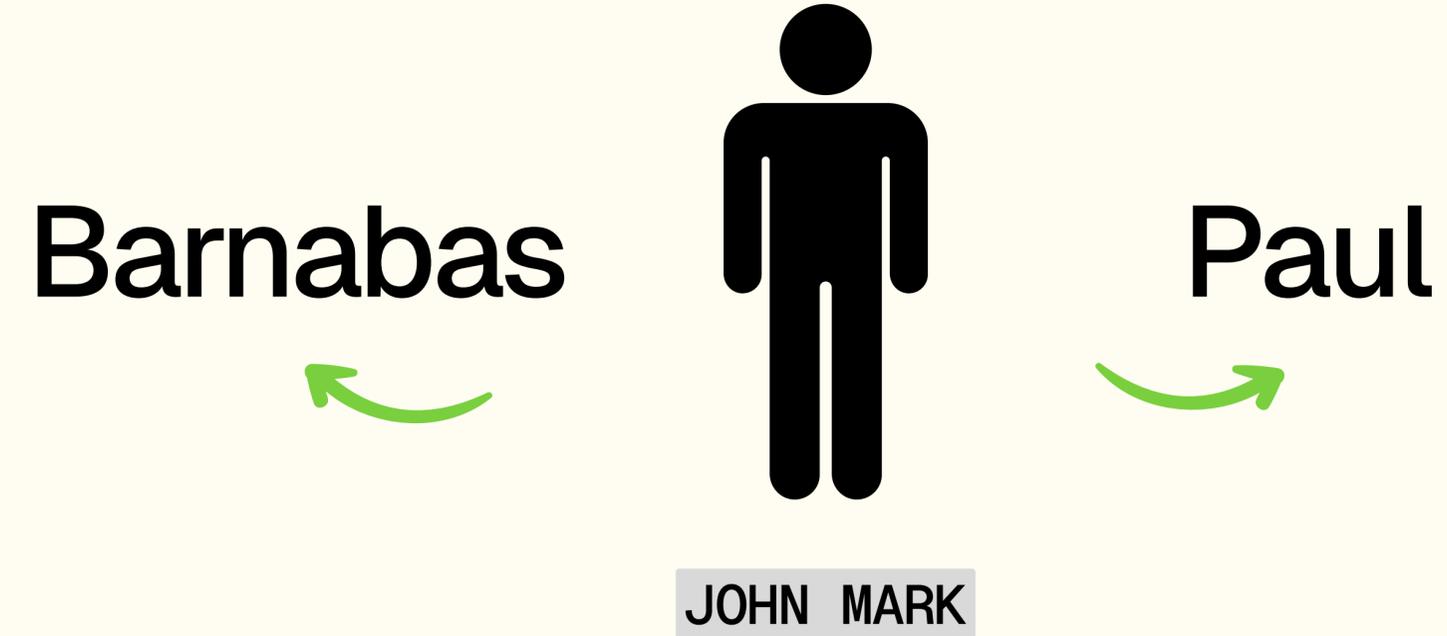
COMPANION ON FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

***LEFT THE JOURNEY UNEXPECTEDLY**

From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where **John left them** to return to Jerusalem.

ACTS 13:13 NIV

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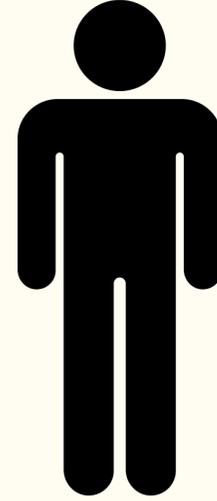
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Barnabas

THE GRACIOUS

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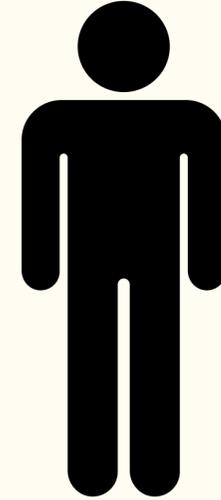
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JOHN MARK



Paul

THE HEARTLESS

- ✗ No care for people
- ✗ Only cares about tasks
- ✗ Missing the main goal
- ✗ Forgotten grace

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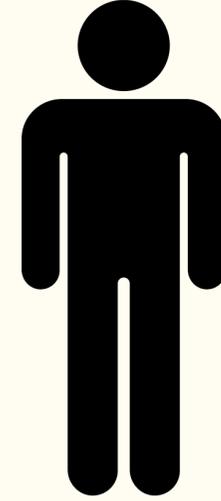
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BARNABAS HAD DONE THIS BEFORE

When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.

ACTS 9:26-27A NIV

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JOHN MARK



Paul

THE TRUTH TELLER

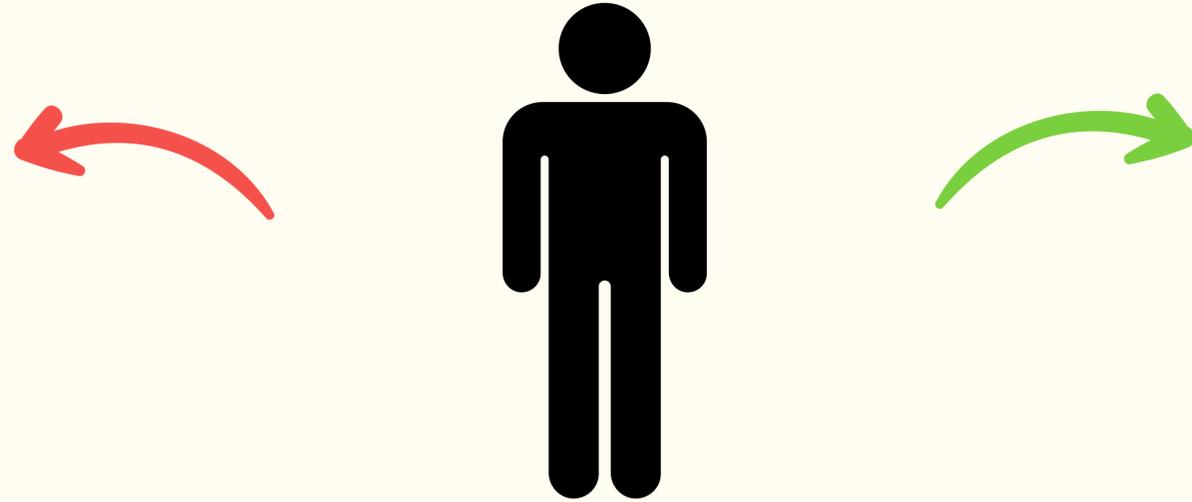
- ✓ This mission is too critical
- ✓ We need reliability
- ✓ Other ministry roles for John Mark
- ✓ I can't fully trust him

Whose intuition is right?

Barnabas

THE WEAK

- ✗ Soft & easily swayed
- ✗ Forgot the real mission
- ✗ Driven by empathy, not Spirit
- ✗ Judgement can't be trusted



JOHN MARK

Paul

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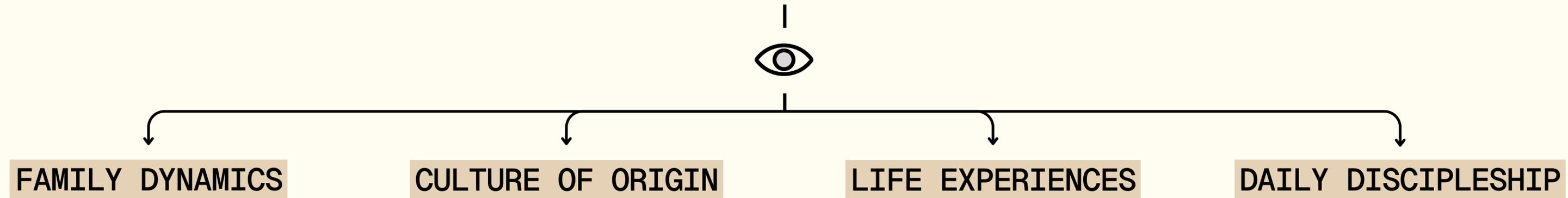
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Worldview

The learned lens through which a person interprets reality.



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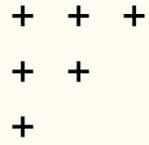
THE GRACIOUS

Which is more important
to the Mission of God?



THE TRUTH TELLER





Only **God's grace** can accomplish
His mission through **broken humans**.



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**If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.**

ROMANS 12:18 NIV



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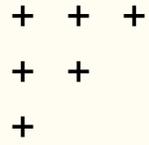
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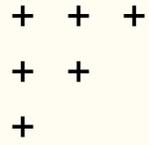
ABIDE WITH JESUS

What “spirit” is filling me?

Spend extended time in prayer

Seek the scriptures & wisdom





The Unified Church on Mission

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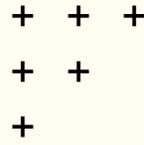
Believe the best in each other

Listen to hear not respond

Apologize & own mistakes

Solve it together (if possible)

Thank God for each other



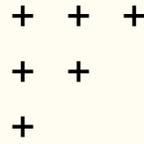
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RE-ALIGN TO GOD'S MISSION

“For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

ACTS 5:38B-39 NIV





Paul's Dying Words

Do your best to come to me quickly,¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.¹¹ Only Luke is with me. **Get Mark and bring him with you,** because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

2 TIMOTHY 4:9-11 NIV

Believed → Baptized → Apostles → Holy Spirit

“...they received the Holy Spirit.”

ACTS 8:14-17 NIV