

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Whose power let Paul heal people?
- How did Paul and Barnabas react to the people who tried to worship them?
- Why did Paul and Barnabas say it was necessary for Jesus' followers to go through hardships?



Paul's First Journey

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28

MAIN POINT: THE HOLY SPIRIT SENT PAUL AND BARNABAS TO TELL JEWS AND GENTILES ABOUT JESUS.

Saul, who became known by his Roman name Paul, was with the church in Antioch. The Holy Spirit chose Paul and another believer, Barnabas, for a special work. God led Paul and Barnabas to tell the good news about Jesus to not only the Jews, but the Gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas traveled to Lystra, and Paul healed a man there who was lame. The people saw what Paul had done, and they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods! They began to worship them, but Paul and Barnabas tore their clothes and shouted, "No! We are not gods. We are men just like you! We want to tell you the good news of God."

Then some people caused trouble so that the people in Lystra turned against Paul and Barnabas. They threw stones at Paul and dragged him out of the city.

The next day, Paul and Barnabas went to the city of Derbe. They told people there about Jesus, and many people believed. Then they went back to Lystra and to Iconium. They encouraged the believers there.

Finally, Paul and Barnabas returned to the church at Antioch. They reported everything God had done on their journey and how God had helped them share the good news with the Gentiles.

Christ Connection: Paul and Barnabas faced many people who rejected the good news about Jesus. But God had a plan for Paul to share the gospel with Gentiles, no matter what troubles Paul faced. Many believed in Jesus. The church grew and the gospel was shared so that people all over the world could be saved from their sin by trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior.