

Day 5 BUILDING A TRIAD

Paul and Barnabas formed a great team. They became partners bonded in a common mission, reaching out to the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They returned from the trip to Jerusalem with a new friend, John Mark. Now they are no longer two but three. The popular term for this relationship is called a triad. There are benefits and there are special abilities brought to a relationship with three people. Let's look at the dynamics and the benefit to Paul and Barnabas.

Read Acts 12:25-13:5

1. What do we know about John Mark? (see Acts 12:12)
2. Why do you suppose Paul and Barnabas recruited John Mark?
3. What are the benefits of a triad relationship?
4. According to Acts 13:5, how did John Mark fit in?
5. What do you think Paul and Barnabas had in mind for the future with John Mark?
6. Is there someone younger in faith that can come along side me in my relationship for ministry?

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PAUL & HIS TEAMS

Paul was giving the title of the thirteenth apostle or at least the most powerful leader in spreading the New Testament Church across the then known world. He wrote the most of the New Testament and his life takes up most of the book of Acts. He went from being the greatest tormentor of the church to it's greatest promoter. How did he become so powerful? Did he act alone or did he have transforming relationships?

DAY 1 The POWER OF ACCEPTANCE

Read Acts 9:1-20

1. How would you describe Paul (Saul) before his conversion?
2. What would you do if you were Ananias (Acts 9:11)? Would you be willing to accept Paul considering his reputation?
3. Are there people you just have a hard time accepting?
4. Is it possible to have transforming relationships if you're not accepted first?

Day 2 THE POWER OF ACCEPTANCE

Read Acts 9:19-30

1. Paul in this passage continues to have trouble being accepted (see verse 26). Have you ever felt rejected because of the past?
2. What kind of man is Barnabas? He not only accepts Paul readily, but becomes his advocate.
3. Paul is a bold and courageous man. He is on fire. Do you find it difficult to stick to someone like that?

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Day 2 (continued)

4. Is there someone I need to accept in my life?
5. Is there someone I know who needs encouragement?
6. Do I need encouragement from others?
7. Do I have those kinds of relationships?

Day 3 EVERYONE NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT

The New Testament church rapidly spread as Paul grew in faith and in confidence. Barnabas became his special friend; the kind that brings real encouragement and support. He accepts and understands. No doubt this special friendship overlooked Paul's powerful zeal and eccentric nature. Much could be said for the vital influence of Barnabas in Paul's life.

Read Acts 11:19-26

1. How is Barnabas described in this passage?
2. Barnabas goes after Paul. Have you ever lost track of a friend and wanted to 'go after them'?
3. Paul and Barnabas spent a whole year teaching together. Remember, this is before the New Testament was written. Do you think they always agreed with one another?
4. Who can I call a 'friend' that may even differ from me from time to time?

Day 4 UNITED IN PURPOSE

It has been said that when friends are unified in a common task they become bonded as brothers or sisters. "Brotherhood" is characterized as a team of people working together, growing in their interdependence and developing a strong covenant. Paul and Barnabas became bonded on a deeper level than just friends. In this passage we see the power of being united in purpose and the bond of brotherhood between Paul and Barnabas

Read Acts 11:27-30

1. What was the unifying mission of the need of Paul and Barnabas?
2. Have you ever shared in a common mission with another person?
3. Working together takes special agreements. Explain what you think they might be.
4. The church of Antioch saw something in Paul and Barnabas. What do you think it was?
5. Who have I joined with in a common mission?