



Title | On Waiting
Series | The Church That Changed the World
Text | Acts 11:19-30
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Sermon Notes

Acts 11:19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. **20** But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. **21** And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. **22** The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. **23** When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, **24** for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. **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 living in Judea. **30** And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 11:19-30 and Acts 26:16-18. Why do you think Barnabas brought Saul (Paul) to Antioch?

Tuesday:

Between the time Saul (Paul) was dramatically converted (See Acts 9:1-7) and the time he comes to Antioch with Barnabas (See Act 11:26), some eight years had passed. Why do you think he had to wait so long?

Wednesday:

In Scripture, David waited for over a decade for the throne; Abraham waited 25 years for a promised child; Joseph waited 2 years in prison; Israel waited 400 years in Egyptian bondage; Israel waited 40 years in the wilderness; Israel waited 70 years in Babylonian exile; the Jews waited hundreds of years for the Messiah; the Church has waited 2000 years for the return of Christ. Why does God make his people wait?

Thursday:

Read Psalm 25:3, 5, 21; 27:14; 31:24; 37:7; 38:15; 39:17. How can you apply these verses to your life?

Friday:

Read Romans 8:19-28. How does this passage help you to wait? Do you think the Lord can be trusted to provide when the time is right for you and you are right for the time?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help us to wait patiently, trusting in your sweeping sovereignty, your infinite wisdom, your limitless love, and your perfect timing. Amen.