



Title | The Work for Which You Were Made
Series | The Church That Changed the World
Text | Acts 13:1-12
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Sermon Notes

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.
4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.
6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus.
7 He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.
8 But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.
9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him
10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?
11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand.
12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Romans 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them . . . *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Romans 12:3-8. If you are a believer in Jesus, you are a member of the body of Christ uniquely designed to play a special role. To what extent do you have a sense of what your role might be based on your strengths, gifts, and interests? How can you learn more?

Tuesday:

Read I Corinthians 12:1-31. What principles stand out to you concerning the body of Christ and your part in it?

Wednesday:

Read Acts 13:1-3. How do you think Saul came to learn what work God was calling him to do? Consider clues from this text and from any knowledge you may have of the nine years or so following Saul's conversion leading up to this point.

Thursday:

Read Acts 13:4-11. Why do you think John Mark is mentioned in verse 5? Why do you think the magician tried to turn the proconsul away from faith in Jesus?

Friday:

Read Acts 13:12. How many people in the body of Christ played a role in the conversion of the proconsul? What is the lesson here, and how can you apply it to your life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, as an individual member of your body, help me to discover the work you are calling me to do. And empower me to do it. Amen.