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Bible Study

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Experiences You May Have While Witnessing for the Lord

Acts 13:1-5

Acts 1:8 reads, *“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.”* (NIV) This verse reveals what believers are commanded to do and where it should take place. One can never predict what the outcome will be for them when presenting the Gospel message to unbelievers. Not only can the results of Christians sharing their faith be different each time, but so can the experience. This lesson is designed to share experiences you may have when witnessing for the Lord.

Breakdown of Acts Chapter 13

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| 1. The <u>Selection</u> of Barnabas and Saul | Verses 1-3 |
| 2. The <u>Direction</u> for Barnabas and Saul | Verses 4-14 |
| 3. The <u>Reaction</u> to Barnabas and Saul | Verses 15-52 |

1. You may experience **Accompaniment** while witnessing for the Lord.

Verses 4, 5

“So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit. They went down to the seaport of Seleucia and then sailed for the island of Cyprus. 5) There, in the town of Salamis, they went to the Jewish synagogues and preached the word of God. John Mark went with them as their assistant.” (NLT)

2. You may experience **Abandonment** while witnessing for the Lord.

Verses 13, 14

“Paul and his companions then left Paphos by ship for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga. There John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem. 14) But Paul and Barnabas traveled inland to Antioch of Pisidia.” (NLT)

3. You may experience **Encouragement** while witnessing for the Lord.

Verses 42, 43

“As Paul and Barnabas left the synagogue that day, the people begged them to speak about these things again the next week. 43) Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, and the two men urged them to continue to rely on the grace of God.” (NLT)

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