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Bible Study

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"Lessons Every Ministry Leader Has to Learn"

Acts 13:3-13

Matthew 24:32 reads, "Now learn a lesson from the fig. When its branches bud and leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near." (NLT) This verse records words from Jesus to his disciples regarding the Lord's return and the end of the world. No one, regardless of their educational level, is ever beyond learning something new. Individuals who possess leadership positions in local churches should take every opportunity they can to grow as a kingdom influencer. This lesson is designed to share common encounters for ministry leaders.

Breakdown of Acts Chapter 13

1.	The	<u>Assignment</u>	for Paul and Barnabas	Verses 1-3
2.	The	Movement	by Paul and Barnabas	Verses 4-13, 49-52
3.	The	Preachment	from Paul and Barnabas	Verses 14-48

<u>Disconnection</u> from others is a common encounter for ministry leaders.
Verses 1-3

"Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with 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) So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off."

(NIV)

Opposition from others is a common encounter for ministry leaders.
Verses 6-8

"They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, 7) who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. 8) But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith."

(NIV)

3. Rejection from others is a common encounter for ministry leaders. Verse 13

"From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem."

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4.	Reception Verses 42-44	from others is a common encounter for ministry leaders.				
	"As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. 43) When the congregation was					
		y of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.				
		t Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord	."			
			(NIV)			
5.	Persecution Verses 45, 49-	from others is a common encounter for ministry leaders.				
	"When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradi what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him. 49) The word of the Lord spread thro the whole region. 50) But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their region."					
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