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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

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| 1. The Assignment _____ | 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 |

1. **Disconnection** 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)

2. **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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