

THE ENCOURAGER –Part 3

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BARNABAS SUPPORTS JOHN MARK

I Continue The Teaching On Encouragement From The Life Of **BARNABAS** And **PAUL**.

At This Point In The Story, The World Of The Religious Had Done Their Best To Kill **PAUL**. In Fact They Left Him For Dead. As Far As They Were Concerned, They Had Put An End To Him.

Have You Ever Been Left For Dead, Emotionally, By Someone You **LOVED** And Tried To Help? —People Who Stoned And Left You?

But **PAUL** Did Not Die! The Students/Disciples Took Their Stand Of Support And Prayer All Around **PAUL**. Enabling **PAUL** To Live And Return To The City That He Had Just Been Dragged Out Of, And Stoned.

The Very Next Day **PAUL** And **BARNABAS** Left **ICONIUM** And Went To **DERBY**.

PAUL And **BARNABAS** Were An **UNSTOPPABLE TEAM**. The **PREACHER/TEACHER** And **THE ENCOURAGER!**

After Preaching The **GOSPEL** In Derby, And **TEACHING** Many, They Returned To **LYSTRA** And Back To The City Of Idols, **ICONIUM**, And Then **ANTIOCH**.

CONFIRMING—“Episterizo” (Steadfastly Set, Support Further, Reestablish And Strengthen In **THE FAITH**) —**THE SOULS** (Mind, Will And Emotions) **Of The Disciples, And EXHORTING**—“Parakaleo” (To Call Near, Desire, Comfort, Invite & Pray For) — **Them To Continue In THE FAITH, And That We Must Through Much Tribulation** (Anguish, Pressure, Affliction, Burdens And Trouble) **Enter The Kingdom Of GOD** “Theos” **THE SUPREME DIVINITY**.

Then **THEY** Selected And Appointed Elders (Elderly) Older Saints, Seniors In Every Church, & Prayed With Fasting As They Trusted Them With The Feeding & Protection Of The Churches. & Commended Them To **THE LORD**, Whom They Believed In.

Then **PAUL** And **BARNABAS** Passed Through Pisidia And Pamphylia, And Even Perga (Pergamus, Pergamos) Which Became

A Mighty Church Later Addressed In **REVELATION**. Then They Went Down Into Attalia And Back To **ANTIOCH** From Which They Had Been **Sent Out By The GRACE OF GOD FOR THE WORK THEY HAD FULFILLED**. There They Remained Teaching For A Time.

When False Teachers From The Jews Came To Antioch, Teaching The Salvation **BY** Circumcision, **BARNABAS** And **PAUL** Returned To The Apostles At Jerusalem To Correct This Error.

AND THEY HONORED BELOVED BARNABAS And Paul With Sending Two Prophets, **SILAS** And Judas Barsabas Back With Them To Antioch To Confirm Their Decision Against The False Teachings. Also By Sending A Written Word From The Apostles Themselves.

I Believe It Was Because Of **BARNABAS, THE ENCOURAGER**, That **SILAS** Decided To Stay In Antioch With Him, While The Other Messengers Returned To Jerusalem.

Then **PAUL** Said To **BARNABAS**, Let Us Travel Again To Every City Where We Preached The **GOSPEL**, And **ENCOURAGE** Them With The **WORD**.

SO BARNABAS DETERMINED TO TAKE JOHN MARK WITH THEM.

But **PAUL** Did Not Think It A Good Idea, Because **JOHN MARK** Had Departed From Them, From Pamphylia, And Went Not With Them To The Work In Perga. (see Pergamos, ‘The Seat Of Satan’ as Revealed in Revelation 2:12-13).

And The Contention Was So Sharp Between **THEM**, That They Departed And **SEPARATED** One From The Other. (Now This Was A Big Loss For **PAUL**; That He Would Only Realize Much Later

Down The Road In His Ministry Travels).

And So **BARNABAS** Took **JOHN MARK** And Sailed To **CYPRUS**.

And **PAUL** **CHOSE SILAS** To Take To **SYRIA** And **CILICIA**. Then On To **DERBY**, And **LYSTRA**: Where He Met **TIMOTHY**, A Man Well Loved By The Saints. But **PAUL** Had Him Circumcised Because He **Was Of A GREEK** Father. And **PAUL** And **SILAS** Took Him With Them, While Delivering The **DECREES** From Jerusalem. But Those **DECREES** Did Not Support Circumcising Non Jewish Christians??? (WITHOUT **BARNABAS**, **PAUL WEAKENS TO THE JEWS, AND WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS RIGHT IN LYSTRA AND ICONIUM? He Is Being More Of A Saul Than A Paul, There Without BARNABAS His ENCOURAGER**).

PAUL Goes On To Phrygia And Galatia And Was Forbidden By The **HOLY SPIRIT** From Preaching In **ASIA**. He Tried To Go To Bithynia But The **SPIRIT** Did Not Allow Him. Finally He Was Allowed To Go To **TROAS**.

But We Hear Nothing More Of BARNABAS, THE ENCOURAGER UNTIL 1 Corinthians 9:6.

Finally **PAUL** Mentions **BARNABAS**, And His Hard Work As A Side Note, While Hopping For Support In Corinth.

Finally **PAUL** Mentions **JOHN MARK** To Timothy, As He Is Being Forsaken By Demas (Possibly Demetrius, the Ephesian Christian).

PAUL Asks Timothy To Come Quickly To Rome To **ENCOURAGE Him, And RECEIVE AND BRING IN HIS COMPANY JOHN MARK.. “FOR HE IS PROFITABLE TO ME FOR MINISTRY.”**

THE EVENTUAL RESTORATION OF FRIENDSHIP WITH JOHN MARK AND THE APOSTLE PAUL! —BE ENCOURAGED DESPITE DISCOURAGEMENTS IN YOUR FRIENDSHIPS WITH BELIEVERS! THIS CONCLUDES THIS ‘BARNABAS’ SERIES!