

## **BARNABAS: WILLING TO MOVE** **- Acts 11:19-26**

**We need to be willing to move in order to effectively serve the Lord**

### **I. BARNABAS MOVED TO INVESTIGATE** (19-23a)

#### **A. JERUSALEM'S INTERESTS** (19-22a)

1. Apprehensive about change - See Acts 8:14 and 11:1-3
2. Curious about some missionaries (20)
  - Their identity, approach, audience and success
3. Intrigued about the converts (21b)
  - Their number and their nature

#### **B. BARNABAS' SITUATION** (22-23a)

1. Connected to Jerusalem
  - The church and the city
2. Commissioned to Antioch (22)
  - a. Not exactly a volunteer > He was sent off or away
  - b. But a good choice > Since he is a Cyprian, Hellenistic Jew
3. Impressed with Antioch (23a)
  - a. Witnessing God's grace
  - b. Rejoicing

### **II. MOVED TO IMPACT** (23b-24)

#### **A. HIS PREACHING ENCOURAGES THEM** (23b)

1. To have a resolute heart
2. To remain faithful to the Lord

#### **B. HIS CHARACTER INSPIRES THEM** (24a)

1. A good man: An excellent disposition
2. Spirit-filled: Empowered and controlled
3. Full of faith: Able to trust and knowing the truth

#### **C. HIS INFLUENCE AFFECTS THEM** (24b)

- His conduct and character stimulated continued growth

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### III. **MOVED TO INSTRUCT** (25-26)

#### A. HE SOUGHT OUT A TEACHER (25-26a)

1. Leaving: Knowing help was needed
2. Discovering: Knowing who was needed
3. Bringing: Convincing Saul that he was needed

#### B. THEY SUCCESSFULLY TAUGHT (26b)

1. The term: An entire year
2. The focus: Meeting with the church to teach
3. The students: Considerable numbers (same as in v. 24)
4. The result: Receiving the “Christian” name

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### **Barnabas moved for one purpose but stayed for another**

- The Jerusalem church sent him to investigate but God sent him to inspire and instruct
- None of this would have happened if Barnabas had been unwilling to move!

#### **Are you willing to move?**

1. To impact a different people?
2. And demonstrate Christian character wherever you are?
3. And get others to join you in your endeavor?
4. From the pew to a classroom?