

SENT AWAY!

Acts 13:1-3

**Consider what was happening the Antioch church
sent away missionaries**

I. SOME WERE SET APART (2)

A. THE LEADER'S DEVOTION

- Public (ministering) and private (fasting) devotion to God was evident

B. THE SPIRIT'S DECLARATION

1. Informing them to set apart Barnabus and Saul for special service
2. Making clear the call of God for two of them

II. TWO WERE SENT AWAY (3)

A. BEING SENT AWAY WAS NOTHING NEW TO THEM

1. Consider Barnabus' travels

Cyprus then Jerusalem - Acts 4:36-37
Damascus then Jerusalem - Acts 9:23-27
Jerusalem to Antioch - Acts 11:22-26
Antioch to Jerusalem - Acts 11:27-30
Jerusalem back to Antioch - Acts 12:25

2. Note Paul's journeys

Jerusalem to Damascus - Acts 9:1-3
Damascus to Jerusalem - Acts 9:19-25
Jerusalem to Tarsus - Acts 9:28-30
Tarsus to Antioch - Acts 11:25-26
Antioch to Jerusalem - Acts 11:27-30
Jerusalem back to Antioch - Acts 12:25

B. SENT AWAY FROM A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY - Acts 11:23-26

- Both Barnabus and Paul were ministering to "considerable crowds"

C. SENT AWAY THOUGH PROBABLY WEARY - Acts 12:25

- They had just recently returned from their last assignment

D. SENT AWAY FROM A GROWING AND NEEDY WORK - Acts 13:1-3

- Two of five prophets and teachers are leaving the work

E. SENT AWAY TO FACE DIFFICULTY - Acts 13:8, 13

- Opposition and discouragement were lurking

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III. SOME ARE SENT AWAY FROM FRBC

A. THOSE WE HAVE SENT AWAY

1. Nancy Izzard: Missionary
2. Bob Welling: Pastor
3. Kenny Hopper: Pastor then missionary
4. Ashley Gore Paquette: Missionary
5. Brandon Fields: Pastor
6. Tim Steinbuch: Missionary/Teacher (seminarian)
7. Liana Hansen Walden: Missionary
8. Ivan Kimberlin: Pastoral training

B. WHO IS BEING SET APART TO BE SENT AWAY?

- Answer: Individuals who are publically and privately devoted to God

C. WILL YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN BE SENT AWAY?

1. Can you or they attend a good Bible college or seminary,
2. Will you or they move far, far away from home?
 - Can they take your grandchildren thousands of miles away from you?
3. Is it OK if you or they never have a large income?
4. Will you keep your loved ones close or will you send them away?

CONCLUSION:

We must continue to be a church that sends people away into full-time Christian service

In another context God said: “Let my people go!” (Exodus 5:1)

- *We dare not keep them in bondage to family, familiarity or fortune.*
- *May God help us to send people away.*