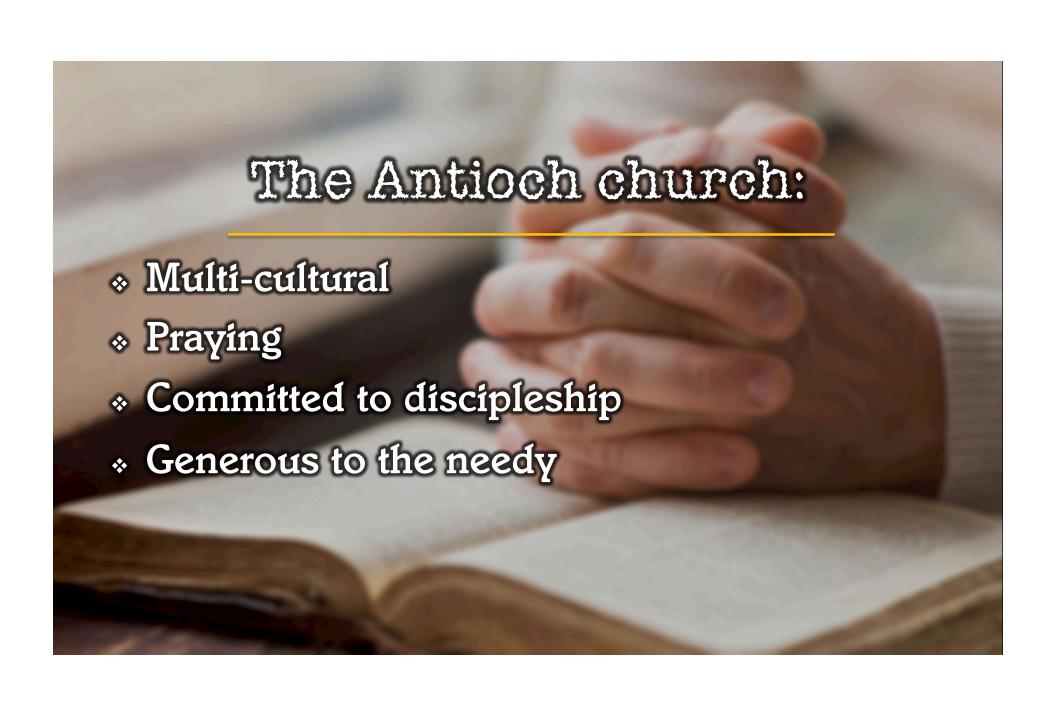


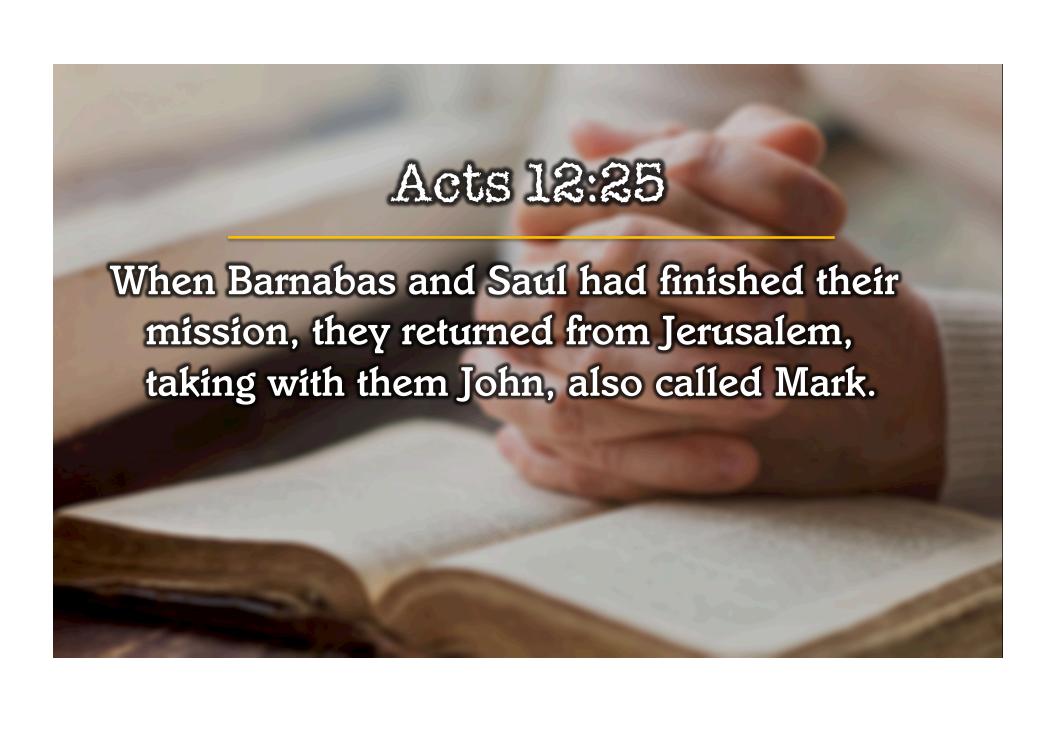
What will we learn?

- * The family of God > ethnicity/social class.
- * The work of the church is often done in teams.
- * Beware of the occult.
- The people of God seek him through fasting, prayer and worship.



- * Devoted to the apostles' teaching
- Devoted to fellowship
- Devoted to "the breaking of bread"
- Devoted to prayer









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.

Antioch church leaders:

- * Barnabas
- Simeon called Niger
- Lucius of Cyrene
- Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch)
- * Saul

Acts 13:2-3

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." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

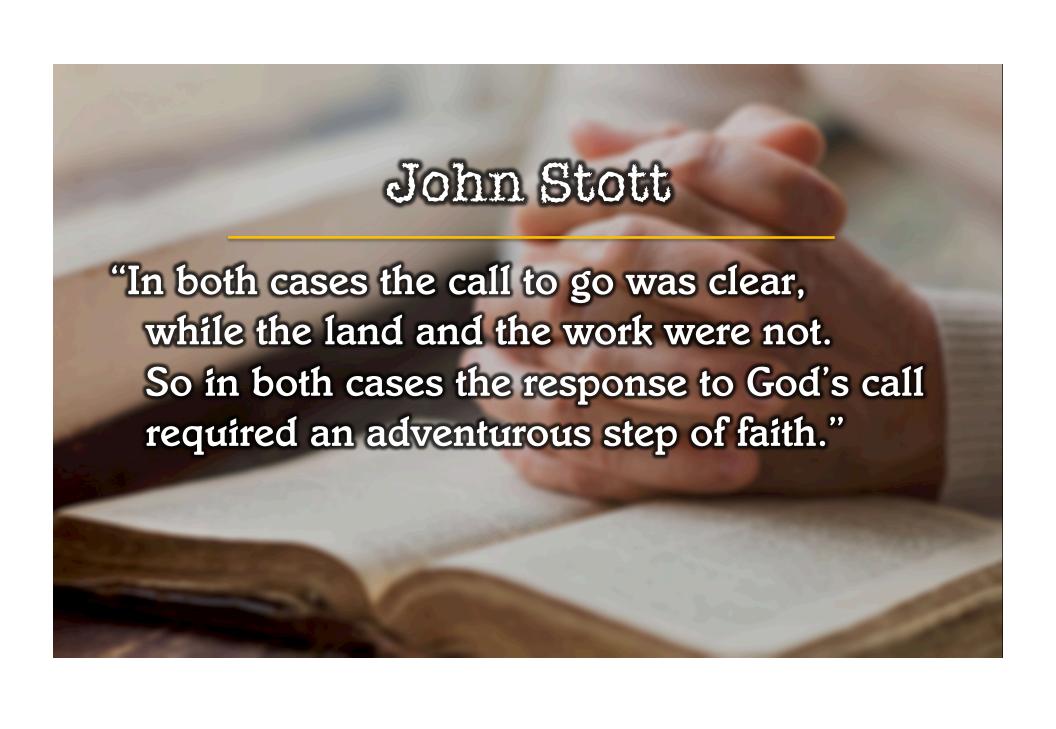


Fasting in the Old Testament:

- * a sign of grief or mourning
- a sign of repentance and seeking forgiveness for sin
- * an aid in prayer
- * an experience of the presence of God
- * an act of ceremonial public worship

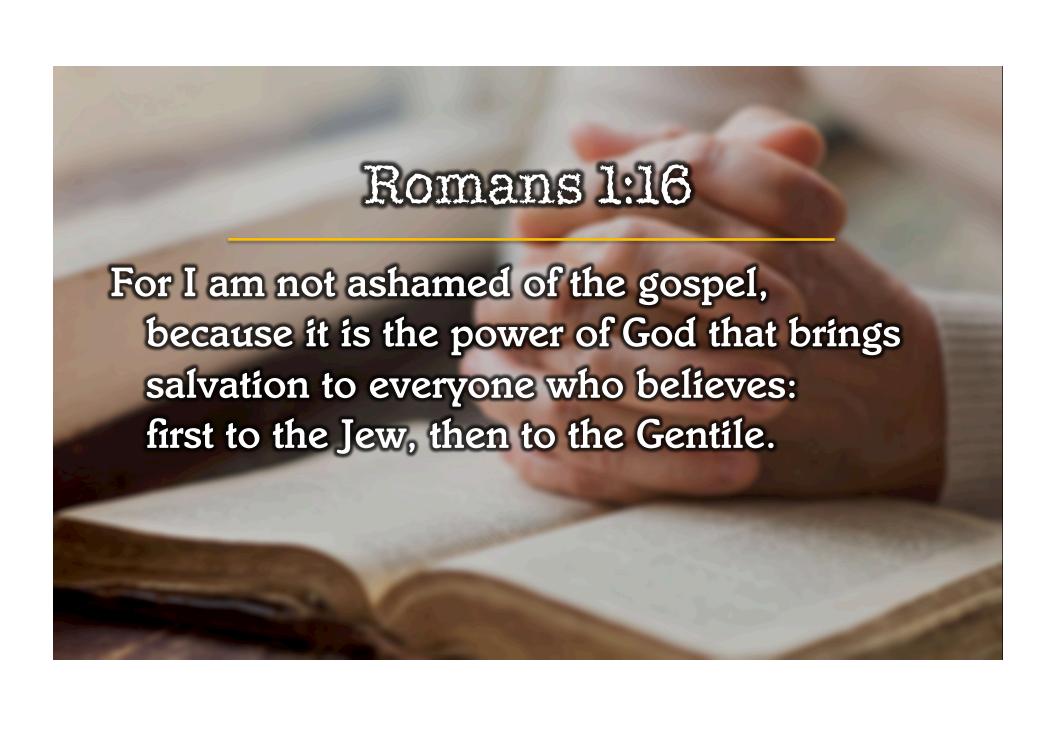


"Luke emphasizes the divine initiative of the Holy Spirit in the sending of the two missionaries, Barnabas and Saul, to Cyprus. The role of the church is to perceive this initiative, not create it."



Acts 13:4-5

The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.











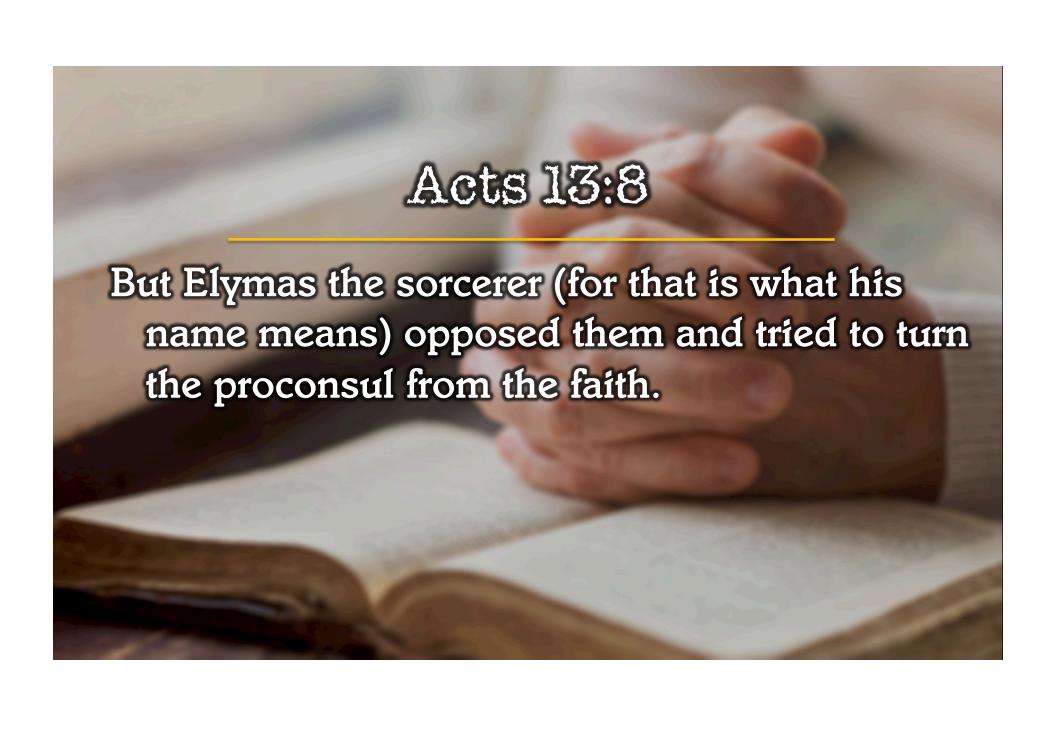






Acts 13:6-7

There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, 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.

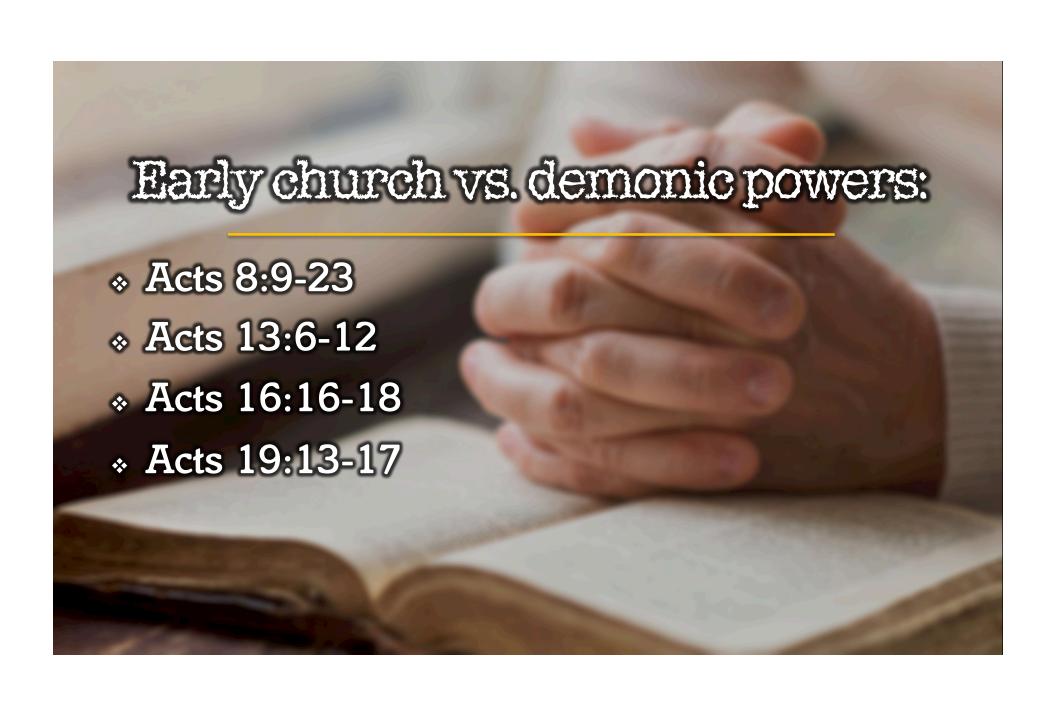




Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery.



"Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun."



Acts 13:11-12

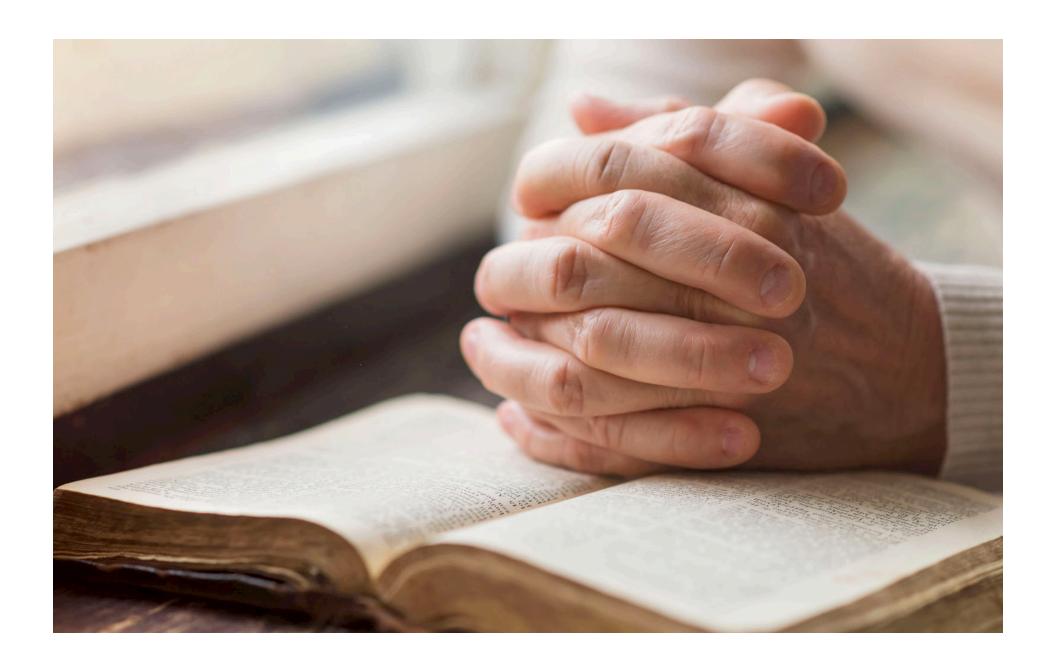
Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.





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Are you being called?

- * To receive Christ
- To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- * To pray / to receive prayer
- * To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- * To receive the LORD's Supper