

# Remember to Remember: Lessons From the Past to Shape Our Future

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Acts 13:1-12

## Six Reminders For Corporate and Personal Leadership From Acts 13:1-12

### 1) There was \_\_\_\_\_ in the leadership

*The congregation in Antioch was blessed with a number of prophet-preachers and teachers: Barnabas, Simon, nicknamed Niger, Lucius the Cyrenian, Manaen, an advisor to the ruler Herod, Saul. The Message, Acts 13:1*

**Corporate Application:** We will develop and deploy \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders

**Personal Application:** You \_\_\_\_\_ others

### 2) They \_\_\_\_\_ on God in \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

*One day as they were worshiping God—they were also fasting as they waited for guidance—the Holy Spirit spoke: The Message, Acts 13:1*

**Corporate Application:** Are we \_\_\_\_\_?

**Personal Application:** Are \_\_\_\_\_ waiting?

### 3) God speaks both \_\_\_\_\_ the church and \_\_\_\_\_ the church

*"Take Barnabas and Saul and commission them for the work I have called them to do." So they commissioned them. In that circle of intensity and obedience, of fasting and praying, they laid hands on their heads and sent them off. The Message, Acts 13:2-3*

**Corporate Application:** Are we seeking God's guidance on who He is \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry?

**Personal Application:** have you given permission to Godly people to \_\_\_\_\_ your life?

### 4) Where God \_\_\_\_\_...God will \_\_\_\_\_

*Sent off on their new assignment by the Holy Spirit, Barnabas and Saul went down to Seleucia and caught a ship for Cyprus. The first thing they did when they put in at Salamis was preach God's Word in the Jewish meeting places. They had John along to help out as needed. The Message, Acts 13:4-5*

*Corporate Application:* Are we willing to trust him with a model we don't \_\_\_\_\_ ?

*Personal Application:* Are you willing to \_\_\_\_\_ in faith?

## 5) It's a \_\_\_\_\_...not a \_\_\_\_\_

*They traveled the length of the island, and at Paphos came upon a Jewish wizard who had worked himself into the confidence of the governor, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man not easily taken in by charlatans. The wizard's name was Bar-Jesus. He was as crooked as a corkscrew.*

*The governor invited Barnabas and Saul in, wanting to hear God's Word firsthand from them. But Dr. Know-It-All (that's the wizard's name in plain English) stirred up a ruckus, trying to divert the governor from becoming a believer. The Message, Acts 13:6-8*

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12*

*Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12*

*Corporate Application:* \_\_\_\_\_ need to expect \_\_\_\_\_

*Individual Application:* \_\_\_\_\_ need to expect \_\_\_\_\_

## 6) At times the Holy Spirit Will Lead You to Say or do Something \_\_\_\_\_

*But Saul (or Paul), full of the Holy Spirit and looking him straight in the eye, said, 10 "You bag of wind, you parody of a devil—why, you stay up nights inventing schemes to cheat people out of God. 11 But now you've come up against God himself, and your game is up. You're about to go blind—no sunlight for you for a good long stretch." He was plunged immediately into a shadowy mist and stumbled around, begging people to take his hand and show him the way.*

*12 When the governor saw what happened, he became a believer, full of enthusiasm over what they were saying about the Master. The Message, Acts 13:9-12*

*Corporate & Individual Application:* Are we willing \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit no matter how counter intuitive He leads us?