

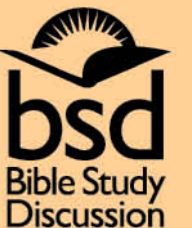
Lesson 7
First Harvest
Acts 13-14



Becoming
& Being
the Church



MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





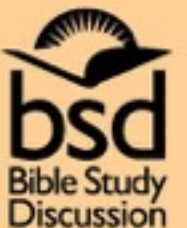
Meliza Gomez

Guest Artist

Director of Contemporary Music



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Blessed Assurance Crosby/Knapp

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

This is my story. This is my song.
Praising my Savior All the day long
This is my story. This is my song.
Praising my Savior All the day long

Blessed Assurance Crosby/Knapp

Verse 2

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Chorus

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Verse 3

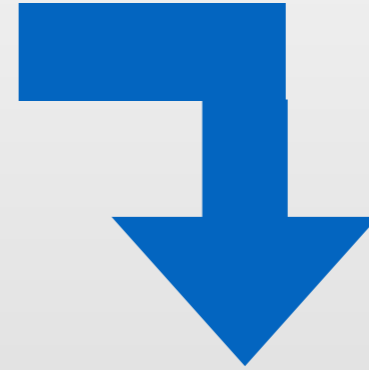
Perfect submission all is at rest
I, in my Savior, am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Chorus

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Acts 16:31

**Believe in the Lord Jesus
and you will be saved -
you and your household.**



HOW?

Acts 13 & 14

PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY



What to look for as you travel with Paul

Attitude:

What were the Highs and Lows?

What were the attitudes of the ones witnessing and those hearing?

Witness:

What did they say?
How did they say it?

Support:

Who gave and received encouragement?
Was praise given?

2nd Leg



3rd Leg

Start

1st Leg

Preparation



Barnabas and Paul were set apart for this mission. They had an inner call by the Spirit who led them.

They had outward confirmation from the church through fasting, prayer, and laying-on-of-hands.

This is the working together of the Spirit and Church.

Preparation for them & for us



Get On Your Mark:

Study, Prayer, Meditation, Confirmation

Get Set:

Trust and Obey

Go:

Be Smart, Be Led

2nd Leg



3rd Leg

Start

1st Leg 

1st Leg of the Trip



In Paphos, they met Sergius Paulus.

He was a Proconsul, Gentile, Intelligent.

He had a sorcerer and a yearning to learn more.

He was converted despite the sorcerer's attempts.

Purpose: It shows the power of the Holy Spirit, that the Holy Spirit will go head to head with false gods, and God can work through Paul

2nd Leg



First Missionary Journey



3rd Leg

Start

1st Leg



2nd Leg of Trip

Pair of Problems in Perga

**#1 Physical Problem:
Paul becomes ill.**

**#2 Relational Problem:
John Mark returns home.**



2nd Leg of Trip

Antioch of Pisidia

Paul witnesses in the Synagogue to the Jews.

Point 1: The Jewish History has a purpose that is to reveal Jesus as Messiah.

Point 2: God cannot be defeated as we see in the resurrection. God's purpose and will are supreme.



2nd Leg of Trip

Antioch of Pisidia

Point 3: The Jews were good about learning Scripture but weak about seeing its fulfillment. God's plan of redemption through Jesus has unfolded.

Point 4: The promises made to David are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.



2nd Leg of Trip

Antioch of Pisidia

Point 5: People cannot be saved by the Law. In Jesus there is freedom from the Law because of the forgiveness Jesus offers. Therefore, there is restoration between God and humankind.

Point 6: The good news is that there is salvation only through Jesus Christ. The bad news is that there is condemnation for those who reject Jesus.



2nd Leg of Trip

Antioch of Pisidia

Results of Paul's Speech:

Many Jews rejected Paul's plea and they caused discord and animosity.

Gentiles were converted.

Word spread throughout the region.

Disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

2nd Leg



3rd Leg



Start

1st Leg

3rd Leg of the Trip



Iconium

Back in the Synagogue

Spoke from a HISTORY perspective

3rd Leg of the Trip



Iconium

Highs and Lows

- After speaking, there were many Jewish and Greek converts! 😊
- Unbelieving Jews stirred up Gentiles against Paul and Barnabas. 😞
- Paul and Barnabas didn't allow the rejection 😞 to affect their witness. 😊 Discouragement affects our effectiveness.
- They were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. 😊

3rd Leg of the Trip



Lystra

Witnessing to Pagans

Spoke from a **NATURE** perspective

3rd Leg of the Trip

Lystra Highs and Lows



- Healing the crippled man showed Paul's compassion. 😊
- Crowds thought Barnabas & Paul were the Greek gods Zeus & Hermes. They jumped to false conclusions. 😞
- Jews came from Iconium and Antioch convincing the people to stone Paul and drag him out from the city. 😞
- Paul shows true commitment. 😊
- Paul and Barnabas are not discouraged. 😊

2nd Leg

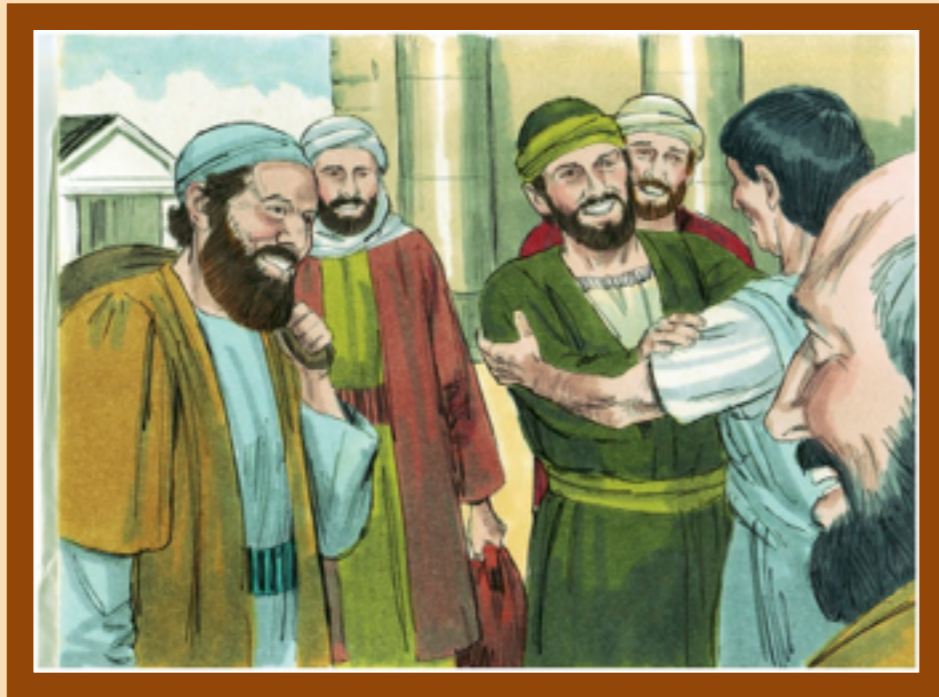


3rd Leg

Start



1st Leg



Last Leg of the Trip: The Return Home

Paul and Barnabas:

- encouragement to the new disciples
- showed them the need to live in community
- appointed elders
- prayed for and with them
- praise to God

What do you look for as you travel the Christian Journey?

Attitude:

What attitudes of Paul and Barnabas would you like to adopt?

Witness:

What can you glean from Paul and Barnabas to make you a better witness?

Support:

How can you give support to another?

**In witnessing, it is important to tell
the Truth for others to hear.**

**What do you think are the three
most important Truths to tell
someone about what you believe?**

Close in Prayer