

Growing Through Relationships

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Acts 9-15

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”
(Proverbs 27:17, ESV)

Introduction

God has a plan to bless each and every one of our lives. And He fills our lives with numerous opportunities to meet other people. How do you think our lives are enriched by the relationships which are given birth through these meetings? Today, let us take a look and consider how Paul grew because of his special relationship with Barnabas.

1. First meeting.

(Acts 9:26-30)

a) Barnabas becomes Paul's guarantor and vouches for him.

b) And Paul is then accepted and able to join the disciples.

2. A season of training.

(Acts 11:19-30, 13 : 1-14:28)

a) After a season of training, Paul is given opportunity to serve through Barnabas.

b) Barnabas and Paul begin to work as a team and are sent out together.

3. Graduation.

(Acts 15:36-41)

a) Later, Barnabas and Paul are given separate assignments by God.

b) As these two form two different teams, the work and blessing of God multiply.

For our prayerful study, discussion and application:

1) Read Acts 9:27. What did Barnabas say to the apostles?

2) Read Acts 11:23-26. What do you think Paul learned from Barnabas?

3) Read Acts 15:36. As they go out on their next journey, who is mentioned first here?

Conclusion:

Let us grow spiritually and become more like Christ through the relationships that God gives to us!

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