

## Acts 4:36-37

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My dad passed away in 1971, and it was that event that really began to get my attention to the things of the Lord. I went back with my mom to the church that we always went to as I grew up, and there we committed my life to the Lord. I began to do what God wanted me to do with my life.

God put two men in my life. I have a lot of problems, but ingratitude is not one of them. Many young men and young ladies too—I have seen it all my ministry, not just with me but with others—forget the importance of the person who really invested initially in your life. Sometimes the guys think they get smarter than you and better than you and turn against you. Sometimes they are just thankless in the thing. But I have always looked back at the two men that God put in my life, and I have never forgotten. I understand today that wherever I am or whatever I am doing with the Lord, I would not be here without the men that invested in me. That is also true in your life.

We all know who Mel Sabaka is. Most of you have heard him preach if you have been around for any length of time. Mel was the typical fire-breathing dragon that was a great preacher and did a lot of great things, and he got a lot of good press because of who he was. Not everybody that gets used by God has to be like Mel Sabaka. I know in my life, if all I would have had would have been a Mel Sabaka, I would have probably been in trouble.

God saw that I needed a balance in my life, and He brought a man by the name of Herb Kuntz into my life. Herb was on staff at the Canton Baptist Temple. He worked with the young marrieds. When I got into Mel's world, and he began to use me and began to grow and teach me, God put me with Herb. I do not even remember how we got started, Herb, but it was just one of those things that we did.

Herb taught me how to deal with people. Herb was one of the most compassionate, loving men I have ever met in my life. He would take me out on hospital calls with him, and he showed me by example how you minister to people. He really helped me. Where Mel gave me one side of it, he gave me the other side of it, and I learned from both. It was not one of these things where I compared one against the other. Even at that time in my life, I was smart enough to know that God had put those two men in my life to balance me out.

We would go out and make visitation calls for people that had not been coming to church for a while. That was big back in those days. He gave me my—he probably does not even remember this—he gave me my first chance at witnessing. I did not know anything. I would go in there and I would just sit down. I just wanted to be with him and watch everything he did. He would be talking to somebody, and somebody would say, "Well, I know I need to be at church, and I know I am not where I need to be." I was sitting there learning everything. He would look over at me and say, "Well, Bob was in that same situation not long ago. Bob, why don't you tell them what God has done for you?" He gave me my first chance to tell somebody about the Lord.

We always hear about the Mel Sabaka stories, and they are great and they are true. Well, they are not all true, but they are great. But you never get to hear the Herb Kuntz stories. It is an honor and a privilege for me to have him here today. I want to tell you that whatever I am or whatever I am not, I would not be what I am without his investment in my life. It is a great lesson for you: never forsake the men and the women that God put in your life to help you get that foundation in your life. In a lot of ways, they will be your best friend forever. So many times, we get an attitude about them because pride creeps in, and we get some things out of whack. But I want to tell you something: they are the best friend you ever have, as the man or the woman who loves you enough to invest in you to tell you about the Lord Jesus. That is a true story.

So, without any further ado, and I am anxious to hear from you, I want to introduce to you my friend and my mentor, and the Apostle Paul in my life that helped me understand the Bible and people: Herb Kuntz. Come on up here and preach to us today, buddy. He likes dogs too.

You are very kind, Bob. Can you hear me okay? Just sharing all that reminds me of a dear lady whose husband had passed away, and the people were sharing about the man. There were a lot of folks giving a witness about him. After a little bit, she got up and walked up to the casket and started looking in. The preacher said, "What are you doing?" She said, "I want to make sure that is the same man you are talking about."

Bob, we met. Jack Van Impe was preaching. We had met before this. His dad, I got to know and would visit him. His dad was ill and very proud of his son. He liked to see Bob get a little more in the church and a little out of some other things. I remember asking, "I would love to go out and do some time or something with you." You came up to me at the end of a Van Impe service one Sunday night or whatever night it was and said, "I want to go. I want to be disciplined. I want to go to work." It is amazing to look and see what God has done and to see the great love of our Lord. The best thing that ever happened to him was her, next to Jesus. She is for him what Jean Sabaka was for Mel Sabaka. That is very good.

You are all here. Again, I do not have a whole lot to share, but God does, and He has a great passion for each one of you. There are several scriptures I want to cover in a couple of minutes, but let me just make a little statement. I am going to talk to you about a fellow named Barnabas in the Bible, who is my hero of the New Testament. Someone made this statement, and I read it: "The greatest work may not be your work, but it may be the work of your work." The greatest work you ever do may not be your work, but it may be the work of your work. It may not be what you do, but it may be what someone does who you pour your life into.

I just robbed his library back here. I hope you realize that there are very few men that know and love the Word of God like your pastor. I really mean that. You do not have to make him an idol. He has got feet of clay like everybody. But I walked in there, and that is holy ground. You can find every form of supposed knowledge in bookstores all over this land, but you will find more truth in that bookstore than in the Library of Congress. The most important place to be today is not at the Kansas City Royals, but it is being here today and having our brother lead you in music and worship the Lord Jesus, and to see you bring others here to learn about the Lord Jesus, and to be here as a family.

You all are weird because you love Jesus, and you sing songs that you can understand. I am amazed by that. Where are the twelve guitars and the cymbals and everything else that appear in that? How can you have a church like this, God? How can you have a church like this, with the Word of God?

## I. The Importance of Unsung Heroes

The Bible tells me in 1 Corinthians 12:7

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

Every one of you has been gifted by God some way, from the little guys over here to us who are older. Every one of us has been gifted some way by God. It is an amazing thing. Peter said in 1 Peter 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

It is amazing that some gifts you hardly even think about. There are some key people in the Word of God you will meet one day, and you do not even know their name. I was thinking last night and this morning, and seriously praying. When I say praying about this message, I really mean it because you have a pastor who administers the Word in an awesome way.

I got to thinking, there is a little girl in the Old Testament. I will just give you the reference; you can check it out sometime. She was a slave. 2 Kings 5:2-3

And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

She was a little maid that the Syrians had ripped away from Israel, taken her into the land, and there was a general by the name of Naaman. Naaman was a brilliant general. He had a problem: he had leprosy. That little girl could have done like a lot of people and said, "Serves him right." She looked at him and said, "Would God my master could go to the prophet in Israel, because he could heal him." Even though she was not in her land, even though people had taken her away from her mom and dad, she still believed that God was in ultimate control of all things. She sent Naaman over. Naaman got healed because of a little girl. No name given. So, you do not have to have your name given to do something great for God.

I think in 2 Kings 7

Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

There were four men outside of the city walls. I believe Jehoram is the king. He is a wicked old Jewish king, but he is ruling the land. The trouble is, he is surrounded by the enemy, and it has been getting worse and worse for people, about eating their own children because of the

starvation. These four guys were lepers. They could not go into the city. So they said, “Why are we staying here? Let us go there. They may kill us. So what? We are going to die anyway.”

They got to the encampment where the enemy were. As they got there, turn there, 2 Kings 7

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We are going to be in the New Testament, but I think it is key to keep this in mind. They got to the encampment where the enemy had been. The prophet had said that tomorrow you will be able to eat and do anything you want, and they laughed at him. These four men outside the gate, they headed over in 2 Kings 7

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They get right to the outskirts of where the enemy were encamped, and it is as quiet there as it is here. They go in the first tent, no one is here. They begin to look around for food. Everything is there except the enemy; they have departed. These four men begin to grab clothing, began to grab money. They begin to take them. They are going to put it away somewhere. Then they begin to look at each other. These are lepers. Nobody wanted to be around the lepers. But they had a compassion in their heart that a lot of people in the city of Israel did not have.

They say in 2 Kings 7:9

Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

Here are four men, and they struggle back to the people that did not even want to talk to them. They tell them, “Listen, there is food there.” I do not know those guys' names, but I will tell you this: God thought enough to put it in His book. God remembers who every one of them are. God remembers who that little girl was. Every one of them, they go back and they tell them, “Hey, there is hope out there.”

Sometimes God will call you to talk to people who may not have been very kind to you. God will call every one of us to do some things that may be strange and unique. But the key is not what people think about us; it is what they think about my Lord Jesus Christ. These four guys go back.

I think in the New Testament, it is interesting to see things there. You have John 6

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There are a lot of folks who are hungry, and there are several thousand individuals there. Again, John 6

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Philip and them say, “There is no food around here.” Jesus said, “Philip, we are going to buy bread that these may eat.” He said it to prove him, for He knew what He Himself would do.

In John 6:8

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

Philip talks about, "Man, two hundred pennyworth, we cannot feed all these people." No McDonald's, no anything else. So one of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "Listen, there is a lad here which has five barley loaves and two small fishes."

I need a young man to do something for me. Come here, one of you guys. Come here. Okay. I have a five-dollar bill here. Now, do not go running off. Here, go take it for a minute. You got five. Would you like to have five dollars? Say it loud enough. Yeah. Okay. All right. Now you got five bucks. There is a young man who has five loaves and two fishes. "What are these among so many?" Now that is yours right now. Go sit down. Do not any of you guys come up here. I do not have any more money. I am broke now.

The Lord said, "What does that look like among so many?" Then Andrew said, "Well, he has five loaves, two fishes." Jesus said, "Make the men sit down." Much grass. Jesus took the loaves. Come here. There is a rhyme to this story, baby. Would you rather keep it or give it away? Be honest. All right. That little boy, though, he gave Jesus his five loaves and two fishes. Do you know what that little boy's name was? I do not either. It is not about our name. It is about what we do with what Jesus gives us. You better hold on to it now. I will take it. Go ahead. What do you say? Tithe on it. All right. Check the record for that boy over there.

I look at that, though, and it just reminds me that as every man has received the gift, even so, minister the same one to another. Some of you work in places where there is not a whole lot of love going on, but God put you there because you are His lighthouse. I remember Brother Sabaka one time. I worked at Hoover at that time, back in Cleaner Place there, building all these things, middle of the night. I would work all night, and guys were hell-raisers. Cussed, drank, a lot of people in that place. I was feeling sorry for myself, and I mentioned it to Mel, who did not have a whole lot of mercy sometimes. He looked at me and said, "Who put you there?" I said, "God." He said, "Do you ever think you might be a lighthouse in that place?" That changed my whole attitude. From then on, instead of going to work where everybody was having a problem, I went to a work where I had an opportunity. It was an amazing reality, and it changed the whole thing because now, "God, I have got you. Thank you for the privilege."

All of us have been placed in places where we are in places that sometimes we would rather change than we could. Sometimes we cannot. While we are there, "God, use me for Your glory."

## II. Introducing Barnabas

There is a great guy in the New Testament that I want us to look at. Acts 4

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

This is an individual, as far as I am concerned, he is a hero to me. The church had been born. They were growing, and there were numbers. Some had needs, some had this, and some had that. God took one man, gifted him, and wanted to use his life. He could have kept his own five

dollars. But in Acts 4:36-37

And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Barnabas is referred to twenty-eight times in the book of Acts. It is an amazing thing. I look at this guy, and we are going to look at five things that God uses one man to do in his life. The key is not the name Barnabas; it is how God used him in such a special way. If you say, "What was so great about him?" If you go to Acts 11:24

For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

The Bible tells us about him in a particular location, and it tells us three things about him, which I will share a little bit more at the end.

1. He was a good man.
2. He was full of the Holy Ghost.
3. He was full of faith.

Isn't that amazing? Good women here, full of the Holy Ghost and faith. Men here, good men, good young people, full of the Holy Ghost and faithful. Three things, that is all it tells us about his character, if you please. God used him. To me, he is the great character of the New Testament because it was not his work, but the work of his work that did so very much for you and for me.

I look at him; it was not Barnabas the Popular. Good man, good man. God wanted to use him. That word, consolation, *paraklesis*, it comes from the thought of the Holy Spirit, confederate. This is an individual God wanted to use in a special way. May I say that every one of us in here, the God of heaven, wants to use you in a very special way.

Young people have it difficult today. They turn on their computer, and someone is saying things against them, almost hate things. Turn the thing off. You are loved by the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. I used to be Sunday School Director in Canton, and I put a sign up one time: "If God calls you to be a Sunday School teacher, don't lower yourself to be a king." What a privilege, those of you who teach kids in this church, what a privilege. You are teaching them for eternity. What a privilege if you have a chance to have a little softball team and infect someone's life for Christ. What a privilege that is. Those are the important things in life. These other things will pass away so quickly. What lasts? "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." You are no fool to give up what you cannot keep in order to gain what you cannot lose.

I find Barnabas here. He did not know what was going to take place in his life. He saw a need, and God said, "I am going to use you, Barnabas, for that." He was the work of the Holy Spirit of God.

### III. Barnabas: The Load Lifter

I look at him here, and I think about the first thing: he is the load lifter. It is easy, if we are not careful. We see people, “How are you doing?” And we do not really want them to tell us how they are doing. There are some people that all they want to do is talk about negatives. But all around us, there are people in here today that you have been blessed, but they may be hurting. When we come into the Lord’s house, we need to be sensitive. “God, who can I be used by You, maybe to be a blessing to?” What a wonderful thing to do.

He was a load lifter. In that church, there were a lot of people who were poor, and Jesus had been crucified not very long before. Consequently, there were people who did not have good housing, did not have anything hardly, and he saw their need. He was a believer, and what he did, he said, “I am going to help. I am going to help people I do not even know. I am going to help people that cannot repay me anything, but I am going to reach out and help them in their lives.”

God may call you to be a load lifter. You say, “Well, I cannot preach, I cannot teach.” That is not the issue. What can God do with you? The body of Christ has many parts, and every part has a different job to do, and God wants to use you. Too many people go to church in other places, and their question is, “What does someone think about me?” We need to go there, “Lord, I want people to see who You are today.” Young people in high school and so on, it is normal. Young people, you want to have friends and so on, but, “Oh, God, help me to be an individual that people see Jesus in my life.” Be a load lifter. There is always somebody around who needs help. It could be cutting grass. It could be picking somebody up, doing something.

I remember reading the story of a young man who was a valedictorian in high school, and he was sharing about it and got the awards. Then he pointed to a young man in the audience in a huge high school, and he said, “You do not know this, but...” He named the boy. He said, “Remember that day that you helped me pick my books up?” People were picking on him and knocked his books down, and he was trying to pick them up and had tons of them in his arms. He said, “You do not know that,” now he is a valedictorian in high school, “but about two years before, he had picked these books up, and this kid came up and he said, ‘Let me help you.’” He helped him, and he got to talk to them, and they became good friends. He did not think anything of it and went on. He said, “You did not know it, but I had already written a note to my parents. I was going to go home and hang myself.” The whole school gasped. But he said, “Because you took that minute to reach out to me.” It is amazing what God did and how God does those things.

I was at a college we have up in the Boston area. My son Sean, I have three wonderful kids, one of each. They are sweet. My son Sean has ministry over in Nairobi, Kenya. I said, “Lord, use my son, but Kenya.” I have reached a place where you can stay there, but send your granddaughter, my granddaughter, back to me. But he is over there. Our other son works, serves the Lord in Ohio, and our daughter and her husband serve the Lord in Virginia, and they all love the Lord.

Sean a while back contacted me and said, “Dad, do you remember so and so?” I said, “I do not remember that kid.” He said, “Do you remember a time whenever you were walking in BBC East? I just came up from teaching a class, and a twelve-year-old boy walked in with his dad. God just prompted me to give him some. I gave him a ten-dollar bill.” I did not have an extra ten-dollar bill, but I just sensed it was God’s thing. You have got to do some weird things

sometimes, won't He? So I gave him ten dollars, hanging on to that five-dollar bill. I gave it to him, and I just said, "Go buy you and your dad a malt or something." And I went on. This has been about eight years later. He saw my son Sean preaching somewhere. He said, "Tell your dad, that changed my life." I thought, "What?" He said, "Me and my dad," and his dad was a preacher, but just some troubling things. He said, "When he gave me that ten-dollar bill, that said that somebody appreciates me and cares for me." I did not think anything else out of it. God knew what He was doing. He said, "And I love the Lord. I serve the Lord now." He said, "But I was just so ticked and ready to quit everything." It is amazing what sometimes just a word, what sometimes a gift, what sometimes just your time can do.

Barnabas did not know what was going to take place. He just knew that these people had need. So he wanted to be a load lifter. God can call all of us to be that, can He? Let us try that again. God can call all of us to be a load lifter, amen? I thought we were a present in church for a minute. Barnabas saw it. Barnabas met it. He did not want any applause. He just took care of the need that was going on there. Sometimes things happen that it cost us something. I doubt if Noah did not look at God and say, "Lord, I do not do boats too well." David did not say, "Well, I do not do sheep." We learned Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

from a young man watching some sheep. God is building a psalm in your life if you will let Him. It is not just what your preacher teaches here. God wants to teach through your heart. Abraham did not say, "Leave my son alone." He could have. I do not think Jesus said, "I do not do crosses either." Every one of us has something that God wants to use. Barnabas, he was that load lifter.

## IV. Barnabas: The Friend Finder

Then, and I love this because this was me. Acts 9:23

And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

Barnabas appears again. Saul of Tarsus has now become Paul. Well, he will be soon. In Acts 9:23

And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

He gets saved on the road to Damascus. I am sure you all studied into that already. He who was killing all the Christians is now a believer. He is preaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. Something goes on there.

Acts 9:23-28

*And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:*

*But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.*

*Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.*

*And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.*

*But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.*

*And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.*

*And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.*

He had gone there to kill everybody else. Now the Jews want to kill him because he is a believer now. They watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, led him down by the wall in a basket. When Saul was come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples. They were thrilled to have him and welcomed him in and baptized him and everything else. They said, "You have got to be kidding me. That sucker is not coming in here." They were all afraid of him. What do you do? You walk in, nobody wants to talk to you. Nobody wants to be around you.

But I love this. Barnabas took him. That is my hero. Barnabas took him. The Bible says Barnabas brought him to the apostles. Barnabas declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way. Barnabas talked about how God spoke to him. Barnabas talked about how he preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. He was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. It could have ended there, and it still would have been good. But if Barnabas had not been that individual who was a load lifter and a friend finder, what would have happened?

I had five brothers and two sisters. Four of my brothers were in and out of jail. One was up for rape. One was up for heroin. One of my brothers was murdered in his own bar. Where we lived, it was a constant situation of knowing what was going on. By the mercy of God, I was working for the Federal Reserve Bank. I had a great job, not much happiness, but a great job. This one Sunday school guy kept inviting me to come to church. I did not want to go. Brother Ella, I have not seen that man in forty, fifty something years, kept inviting me. His boy, I actually remember his boys always standing on my shoes. I always had spit shine on my shoes. I said, "Get off my shoes, kids." Then, "Brother Herb, won't you come to church?" That is the one time I did. I finally got saved. The preacher preached.

Now I got saved, and all my friends were not. I do not glory in the past, but what we were doing was not savory. So what do you do now? I remember I went to work the next day at the Fed. "Man, bless God, I am saved." The guy started cursing for something, and I said, "This is bad." I did not say it the week before, but it did then. So, "Hey, I got saved." I found out they were not excited for me. They did not care what I got. Frankly, I saw someone start cursing at me. Guys who had been doing whatever will, the week before, were doing that, and what in the world. Who do I turn to now? I had no friends who were saved. I did not know that generation.

A preacher's son, anybody here fifteen years old? You wish you were fifteen years old? You are fifteen. His fifteen-year-old was not as good looking as you. But he would, after that, he would come up to me. "Brother Herb, go with us to this." "Oh, I was going to go, but all right, okay." "Go with us to this." He took me under, and I was almost five years older than him. A fifteen-

year-old kid led me around somewhat like, "Come on, do this and do that." God used that young man to develop my life, to help me get started with some other individuals. He was a friend finder.

Samuel, anything that God has given me the privilege to do, that was Samuel. That was Samuel. That is one reason I loved your pastor. I saw a young man that had such ability. God used him to do something. I prayed for him. I used to remember the night he came and said, "Hey, will you take me out with you?" What a privilege that was. But it was not because I thought of it. It is because somebody did that for me. Somebody was my Barnabas. Everybody needs a Barnabas. Barnabas did that. He did not know what was going to come from that, but he was willing to put himself out when nobody else would. He was willing to step out, risk his reputation, and maybe his life if this guy is not real, by the name of Saul of Tarsus. Because they believed in Barnabas, they took Saul in. He did not know what the future was going to hold. But I tell you this, some of your greatest work will not be your work, but it will be the work of your work.

I would ever expect Bob Alexander to have a church like this. All I can remember is we were going out shooting groundhogs all the time. "Let us go shoot. Let us go shoot." Better go with him. "Let us go shoot for a while first or set the sights." Do not you love this guy? This really kicks. Use it. Good night. I got part of Hitler's Gestapo here. I do not know what I got here. That is fun. Who knew? Who would know? That is done by. You do not have churches like this today. Do not be boasting in yourself. You do not have things like this today. You have got to have a circus with some jackasses. Do not boast in what you have. But it is amazing. Our colleges, and I challenged some of them and said, "What are you going to do next week? Bring Barnum and Bailey in?" When you stand up here and when your song leader lifts up the name of Jesus. "Well, they do not sing that anymore." We do here.

I went to a youth meeting last night. Where is that guy who, those two guys who preached last night, are they in here? Are they sleeping? Oh, there he is. There is the car runner. Is she letting you drive that car anymore? No. I think you deserve a car of your own for being that open, son. You agree? See? But the other fellow who preached on, oh, there he was, there, oh yeah, he preached on patience. Do not you wish he had patience? What a blessing. Who is the little girl that prayed at the end? Stand up. What is your name? Are you seventeen? How old are you? That is my granddaughter. Twelve. I thought, that is going to be a midget. No, because she prayed at the end of that time. I really mean this, Kinsey. Better than most men I have ever heard pray. I thought, "Who is that?" Over there. Good. How old my heart?

Parents, make sure your kids get to the teen activities. Make sure they get to camp. "Well, I do not want to go." Well, it is not your issue. "You belong to me. I will sell you if you do not go." My kids one time they would say, "Hey, listen, I could call social services." I said, "Would you? Because I need a putting green in your room." They will not want you. They do not want you. If you have got something going here, and my kids say, "Well, so and so gets to do this." I said, "The name is Kuntz with a K. We do not spell ours like this. You are going to do this." "Well, you are brainwashing us." Absolutely. I want to brainwash my kids in the Word of God. I want my kids. I make them brush their teeth. I make them take a bath. I make them do all those things, and it does not destroy them. It will not destroy your kids to be in the Word of God. Now what

will destroy them is if you do not brush your teeth and tell them to. What will destroy them is if you do not get in the Word of God and you tell them to. You are being a hypocrite. But if you are in the Word of God, God Almighty will use this book in their lives.

I took my kids to the mission. “Well, what will happen to them down there?” “They will love those people.” “Take them out and witness.” “Well, we do not do that anymore.” We do. “What will happen?” “Well, maybe your son will get a passion. Go over and try to minister to tens of thousands of people in a place called Nairobi, Kenya.” Never expected that. God. God’s Barnabases. It is amazing. Your greatest work may not be what you do. May it be what the person who you do something with does. Barnabas. Friend finder. Where would Paul be? It is where he ended up, and God used him. The disciples remembered his past and feared him. I can see John the Beloved. “No way.” Thomas says, “Hey, I have got a thing about this one.” Peter probably blabbered out about something. Barnabas took him.

You see, encouragers find potential when others see problems. There is not a person who came in here who does not have difficulties, that does not have a stain on their life. We are sinners, saved by grace. We do not boast in our sin. We do not talk about our sins. But we all come in here from fallen nature with Adam. God says, “I want to use your life. If you will believe Me, I can use your life in ways you will never imagine. And you may never see the result of it. Maybe it took twenty years from now, or it may be in heaven when some of those kids that you help with missions come up to you and say, ‘Hey, you do not know me, but you gave to this church, and they reached out, and he got saved, and he led me to Christ down in heaven today.’” Can you imagine someone giving you a hug in heaven from what you did? It is going to happen. It is going to happen if you believe Him. If you believe Him.

Young men, I challenge you to listen. Give your heart to... I love it when young kids, “Well, I do not have a life of horrible sin.” Thank God you did not. Thank God you did not have to go through it. A lot of people boast in their sin. No, no. That ought to chagrin us. He took him. We need friend finders. Paul said he and a fellow by the name of Onesiphorus.

*2 Timothy 1:16*

*The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:*

Isn’t that amazing? He goes into prison where the Romans do not like Christians, and he goes there to try to bless and help this one named Paul. Paul wrote it down. God wrote it down. One of the most hated men to the Romans was the Apostle Paul. He is in prison. Here comes Onesiphorus. Can you imagine those Roman guards looking at him and spitting at him and laughing at him and mocking him? His issue was not what do they think. His issue was what does he think? This man needs my help, and I will risk my reputation to minister to him. Paul wrote it down. I think God wrote it down. I think that whenever you go out on the street and witness, or when you pray for somebody, or whatever you do for the cause of Christ, you pray for your preacher, you pray for whatever else is going on here, God writes it down. Paul says he has got a book of memories up there. Put some good ones in it. Put some good ones in it. Friend finders.

Let me tell you how you can refresh a person by your presence. Be a friend to someone. Always look around for someone and say, "Hey, great to see you here." Little ones come in, get down and just talk to them. Rejoice that they are here. Thank God for it. I think, send notes. Anybody ever send notes out to other people? Anybody ever hear us? Good notes. Anybody ever gotten a note from somebody? A good note? Anybody ever gotten a good note? That is a great thing. It is a refreshing thing. God gave me sixty-six love letters right here. We can write someone else a note. Our pastor that we had, Harold Henniger, every Monday morning, he would be writing up forty or fifty notes to people who were in the hospital, letting them know that he loves them. Canton Baptist Temple was built through a hospital ministry, a lot of it, because people saw this man loved them here.

## V. Barnabas: The Bridge Builder

I look at this, and I think of him, and I think of something else that took place. Some things are, we have some problems in this nation that only the love of Christ can change because in Acts 11

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

The Bible tells us, Barnabas comes up again. He pops up all the time.

*Acts 11:19-22*

*Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.*

*And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.*

*And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.*

*Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.*

There were men of Cyprus and Cyrene who went to Antioch, which was not Jewish, spoke to the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. You do not talk to the Greeks. You are a Jew. They were saved Jews, though. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. This is a good thing. I know she had your Baptists here. I was impressed here. But, is this your Baptist? But anyway, the Bible says the hand of the Lord was with them. They believed, turned to the Lord.

*Acts 11:22*

*Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.*

Tidings of these things came into the ears of the church which was at Jerusalem. Who did they send? Barnabas. They did not send John. They did not send Peter. Barnabas the consoler. This

guy is just a member of the church. They sent Barnabas, sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. When he was come, he had seen the grace of God. I have seen the grace of God in this church this morning. I really mean that. He saw the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. I love that. I look at Barnabas here. He was excited. He was rejoicing. These folks were not Jews. They got saved. We are co-workers, not competitors, and he reached out to them.

In our country, one of these days, may God give us the grace to recognize it does not matter. We sing that song, "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in our sight." They need to be precious in our sight. We are brothers and sisters in the family of God. You cut anybody in here, the blood is going to run the same. But we need to love each other and seek to minister for the cause of Jesus Christ. Paul said, or Jesus said, and spoke about there was a strife among the believers who should be accounted the greatest.

*Luke 22:24*

*And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.*

God does not keep score. He wants us to stay in the game of reaching somebody else. You may look at somebody and wonder about them, but I will tell you, we all need to be helpers to each other. He was a bridge builder.

I have got to share this story. I used to work for a place. I will not mention it since this goes out in the air maybe, but I worked there. I can remember these guys, I had been saved a while, and I was going to college in Canton, Ohio. These people were, they were guys just cussed up a storm. I came and sang. I told that to some folks the other night here. But I could whistle. They would play all this rock music, and I would whistle songs like that. So I was getting on a plane the other day. I liked to whistle "Amazing Grace." There is some guy behind me started whistling it off and said, "That is amazing, getting it there. Good stuff." People were there, and I was walking on the plane. So I would do that. Guy said, "Quit that." I said, "You quit playing that music, I will quit doing this. I have a right to whistle. You have a right to play crap music. Bad music."

Anyway, he looked at me. I can still remember this guy. He looked at me one day. He said, "Listen." He said, "You know, if you are in heaven," he used some vile language, "I would not want to go." Our UPS fellow was a black gentleman who came. He came in about every day and dropped stuff off and left. He had not come in that day. They looked at me and said, "Ain't that right, Robert?" They are all laughing at me. This guy who never said a word, he looked at me and said, "I want you to know something, mister. You better listen to Mr. Herb because there is a judgment bar of God going to come about pretty soon." He said, "And you are going to stand before that judgment bar. And if you do not listen to him and get saved, you are going to die and go to hell." He turned around and walked out. I thought, "I do not need to say a word." Then I thought, "God, thank you for sending a Barnabas." That was my Barnabas that day. He was gracious. He was sweet. But he built. What a blessing. Again, they criticized him, but they were not near. They watched the door after that. He was coming in. But you see, Barnabas was his bridge builder. He was this guy who was going to be there. People have strife when they say, "My cause is greater than the cause." The cause is reaching people with the gospel, teaching

them to love the Lord Jesus Christ, learning His Word. Amen? So I look at him, bridge builder. I look at him, friend finder. I look at him, and he is that load lifter.

## VI. Barnabas: The Disciple Developer

Here is the neat thing. Here is where it really begins to turn. Because he is there in the same Acts 11

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

The Bible tells us that while he is there, here is that verse, Acts 11:24

For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Much people were added to the Lord. Let us read Acts 11:25-26

Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Barnabas was not interested in glory. Barnabas was interested in His glory. Barnabas was interested in what can we do to help these people grow? What can we do to see something happen? What can we do to help somebody else in the things of Jesus Christ? So he goes to Tarsus, finds Saul. When he found him, he brought him unto Antioch. It came to pass that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, taught much people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

I love that. I think about what Barnabas did because Saul had gone back, and he was reworking the theology. "Lord, I used to believe all this. Now You have come and been resurrected. You are in heaven. I need to get my theology and everything all straight." He got it straight. Barnabas goes, brings him. Your greatest work may not be your work, but it may be the work of your work. Barnabas' greatest work is going to be through this man by the name of Saul, who got the name of Paul.

I look and I see him there. What happened when Paul got there? We have Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, maybe even Hebrews. Barnabas did not write any of those books, but the man he disciplined did. Your greatest work may not be the works you do, but it may be the person you invest yourself in and what they do. So all of us, all of us, he was a disciple developer. For a year, he worked in the soul of Paul, and Paul worked all across that area there. Over half the New Testament was written by this man who was disciplined by Barnabas when no one else had any interest in him. Be a man or a woman who says, "Oh God, use me to develop somebody else."

I think of going out to Camp Chalf at times. Bob always had this telescope thing out there. "Hey, can you see that?" I am just trying to get the thing focused where I can look through it. I still remember, was it the blue donut they call that thing or something? Some kind of thing somewhere up in the sky somewhere. It looked like a donut. It was blue going through the sky. It is unbelievable. We had thousands of young men and ladies who would go out there and look at that. So many of them would come back thinking, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament showeth his handywork." That is because of a man who God took and challenged to use some special tools that he had to reach other people.

The question I have to ask: What kind of work am I doing? Who am I trying to develop? Am I praying God brings someone that I can mentor into their life some way? God does not just bring us to church where we come into worship and serve the Lord. But what a privilege that God says, "Listen, there are people that only you probably will be able to touch in their lives in high school, junior high school, wherever you are. Be my Barnabas to reach into their life."

I think this encourages. They care more for people than prominence. Think of that. It is not what someone thinks about me; it is what they think about Him. "God, if I can be used to help thrust somebody out, praise the Lord for it." I used to watch God use Mel, and Mel was my mentor and my soul lost, Mel Sabaka. I just marvel at what God has done in their life. I think, Barb, the love she has for the ladies, what a blessed preacher's wife you have. Amen, ladies. I really mean that. She is still good looking; he is not, but she is. I thought, "You have got to be your daughter over here." What a blessing, though. Again, they are not icons, but their goal is to do what all of our goal is: to reach into someone else's life. It may just be bringing some little buddy you play ball with or something, say, "Come on church, come on to camp with me," or whatever. You never know what is going to happen. But you will never know if you do not take a stab. You have got to do that.

## VII. Barnabas: The Failure Fixer

Last, I think of this: he is the load lifter. He gave money when no one else probably had it to do. He was a friend finder. Saul needed a buddy, and here comes Barnabas. He was a bridge builder. He will go talk to those non-Jews when Peter and the rest of them had no desire to talk to anybody else. I love getting, he was some disciple or developer. First called Christians there in Antioch. Incidentally, world missions really started out of Antioch, not Jerusalem. Isn't that amazing? Barnabas goes to a town where no other Jew wants to go. They always came back to Antioch. It was out of Antioch that Paul and Barnabas were sent out. Antioch, the first called Christians. Antioch, the guy who wrote fourteen books of the New Testament came from because of a fellow named Barnabas.

Then the last thing, and I love this, he was a failure fixer. We are always going to have problems. Anybody have a problem? We all do. If there are no problems, there is not much happening, I found. In Acts 13

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

They had a mission journey. God had called them. Paul and Barnabas both took off. God said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work where I have called them." They fasted and prayed, laid hands on them, they sent out. They went out by the work of the Holy Ghost. It was a good thing to see done. They had a young man with them, though. He was, I think, a relative of Barnabas. He saw some things he did not like. He was younger. He probably saw devils cast out of people. He saw a lot of things going on that were not too good.

*Acts 13:13*

*Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.*

This young man's name, John, John Mark, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. He said, "This is a little heavy for me." He was related to Barnabas. So he headed out. He headed back. Now Paul is pretty tough. So next missionary journey comes.

*Acts 15:37-39*

*And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.*

*But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.*

*And the contention was so sharp between them, insomuch that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;*

When they are getting ready to go out again, Barnabas determined to take with him John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with him because he departed from him. The contention was so sharp between them. They loved each other, but they disagreed. Believers can disagree and still love each other. Do not lose sight of that. They departed asunder, one from the other, and Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus. Their ministry had somewhat separated now. And off they go.

The Bible tells us all of us need someone to help us when we are having a problem. I am so thankful that Samuel McClure, at fifteen years of age, took me under his wing. I was already out of high school, working and everything else, but here this kid was. He loved me enough to take me under his wing. That is why I have always loved missions. That is why I have always loved working with people, discipling people. Because who knows? Every believer is a Jew. Every one of you are special. God said, "If the whole world goes to hell, but you want to trust Me, I will die for you." That is pretty good. Realize God wants to use you.

So I look at this, and a new day came. Paul is about to die. Years have gone by. Over in 2 Timothy 4:11

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Paul makes a statement. He said, "Only Luke is with me." He makes this statement: "Take Mark and bring him with you. He is profitable to me for the ministry." John Mark had a problem, but

he got it straightened out. Paul said, "Bring him back." I love this. He was a failure fixer. The devil, if you ever get down, he will want you to say, "You cannot do anything, serve God anymore. You messed up." My answer to that is, "I messed up before I ever fell down, and that is why I have Jesus." But when you get down, you do not want to stay down there and muddling in where you are. Realize if we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin, cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Get back up and go on. Go on.

"What will others think?" First of all, what does He think? If He thinks it is okay, then it is okay for me. I really mean that. Because everyone, there is always somebody who is going to criticize you. That is a sad thing. Sometimes the worst criticism comes from those who may be Christians. But here, Barnabas, even though Paul was so brilliant, Barnabas said, "There is still something in that young man's life. And if God can do something, I want to be a part of that life." He reached out to them. Young ladies need to reach out to other young ladies. Young men reach out to other young men. Just reach out to other individuals because we are not here just to accrue for ourselves. We are here to get people ready to meet the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Barnabas. What a reality it was.

I read an illustration from a book called *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*. Great book. They were talking about action regrets and inaction regrets. The statistics that they came across, everybody has action regrets. Things that you did. "Wish I had not done it." Short term, you feel bad about it. But they said that statistically, over the long run, inaction regrets outnumber action regrets by eighty-four to sixteen percent. "Oh, I wish I would have done that. I wish I would have had a part in that. I wish I would have." Quit wishing you would have; start doing it. Say, "Lord God, I want to be used of You."

Barnabas:

- Load lifter
- Friend finder
- Bridge builder
- Disciple developer
- Failure fixer

He had to be brilliant? No, no, no. I read it to you at the beginning. He was a good man. I find in the Bible, the Bible says there is none good, save one, that is God. So I am going to take that, put those two together. He was saved. He was saved. How many in here saved? You know Jesus. You fit that category, bless God. And then the neat thing was, he was not only converted, but he was a commitment. He was full of the Holy Ghost. Too many people want, the Spirit of God wants to be the steering wheel. "I am going to make Him the spare tire." Only time I call on Him is when things are going bad for me. He wants to be the steering, He wants to be president, not resident in your life. When you let Him be that, it is amazing what will happen.

Full of the Holy Ghost. It does not mean he is walking around babbling. It means that he had allowed the Spirit of God to take control of his life. When do I need to do that? Every day. How many of you had an alarm clock go off this morning? Anybody have an alarm clock go off? How many of you had an opportunity clock go off? Isn't that amazing? I wish I would not have raised

my hand the first time. Most people get up and say, "Good Lord morning." You ought to get them to say, "Good morning, Lord. This day." This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Wake up this morning. "Lord, it is Your day." That is part of us. Full of the Holy Ghost. "God, I do not know what I can do, but I will help these people over here. God, I do not know about this, but this guy seems like he is real, and I am going to bring him in. They may throw me out of the church, but I am going to bring him in here anyway. God, I have never been around those guys over there, Lord. They do not talk like I do. I am a Jew. They are a Gentile, but I will go. Lord, could not I? I do not have what they need, but I know who does. God, I do not care who gets the credit. I want to see him built up." So he goes around and Paul. "God, Mark screwed up. He messed up. He went the wrong way. But God, I am going to love on him. I am going to try to do something to help him. I am going to ask the Lord, Bob, how can I help this guy? How can I help this person here?" That is a Barnabas. Everybody needs a Barnabas.

He is full of the Holy Ghost. He did not do that in his strength. I believe whenever we say yes to the Spirit of God on a daily basis, He will stir us to do things we would never think of doing. But do not do it in my history. His strength, "Lord, use me." You have got to give time for God in this book for Him to even be able to do that. If you are in the Word of God on a daily basis,

*Joshua 1:8*

*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

That is the promise to Joshua. If you know that verse, then you can claim Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

You will not claim that wherever you go unless you have already got Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

You get the Word of God, and you are going to conquer anything.

I will close in just a moment. I remember one time in Canton I was witnessing to a girl and telling her about the Lord Jesus Christ. She looked at me and said, "I know what you are doing." I said, "What?" She said, "You are using psychological techniques to try to undermine my belief." I said, "What? You are using psychological techniques." I said, "No, I am telling you that you are going to die and go to hell. You are going to get saved, and the Spirit of God is convicting you." Slam the door. But that is all right. I am not being unkind, but it is amazing. This book is alive. This book will keep you from sin, as you already know, or sin will keep you from this book.

So Barnabas believed it. Barnabas, and he was a commitment. He was full of the Holy Ghost, and it says of faith. You can know, and I know a lot of guys who know a lot of the Bible, but I know a lot of guys who never stepped out with the Bible. Who in the world would start a church

in a place that has got signs for fish in one place, chiropractors in another place, this over here, that over there, and it is not even upstairs? It is called faith. It is called believing God. Who in the world would give their tithe to something like this? People believe that God is in charge. Who would go help missions? People who have faith that what God said about missions is real. Who would try to raise their kids in a godly manner? People who believe this book. Who would believe that their kids need to be in the Lord's house more than playing baseball all the time in all these travel leagues and never in the house of God? People who believe this book. Barnabas. He was a convinced individual.

## VIII. Conclusion and Call to Action

I ask you this, are you convinced? Are you convinced enough to say, "God, make me a Barnabas for Your glory. Show me how I can be used." I promise you this: you do that, and you will be amazed what God may do in your life. Let us bow our heads in a word of prayer.

I hasten to add, I have talked predominantly to believers here today. Barnabas is only what Barnabas was, not because of his ability, but because of the Lord Jesus infecting his soul for others. For you here today, if you do not know this Savior who Barnabas loves so much he is willing to hazard his own life for, He died on the cross for you. He paid your sin debt. He calls on you to repent of your sin and believe on Him for salvation, and you can be His child forever and ever.

If you are a believer today, would you consider even today to say, "Lord Jesus, I want to be a person like Barnabas. I want to be used of You. I want You to get the credit. God, I want to be a part of Your Word. It is not important what the preacher thinks of me, but it is important what You think of me. I want to be used of You." Your preacher is going to come and take this invitation, but I would beg of you, I am so glad a fifteen-year-old boy took me under his wing. I am so thankful that I had just the part to say, "Hey Bob, I would love to go out with you sometime on some stuff." I am so thankful. When you look back after twenty or thirty years, I pray that there are some things you can look back and say, "Thank God, it can start here today." Brother Bob, if you will come.

Thank you, Herb. You look up here now, just a second. That was a great message you got this morning. If you are here this morning and you are someone who does not know the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior, as soon as we break here in a moment, if you would come up and talk to me, I have got people here that would love to open up a Bible and show you how to be saved. So many of you, and this is why it was such a good message, so many of you are Barnabas. This is what made our church what it really is: you caring about other people. It is an incredible thing.

I want to thank Herb. I could not have picked a better message. Herb was just coming through town to go to Springfield, down at Bible College down in Springfield for an alumni meeting and Bible College. I told him, a long time ago, anytime you are around here, let me know you are coming through. I am glad he did. I talked to Danny about this while he was preaching back there. We have, Herb, we have an anniversary Sunday coming up. We do not even have a real

date for you. It will be sometime at the end of August or September. We always have a guest speaker, and I would like to invite you and Judy back for that. I think our people really fell in love with you. Last night and this morning, and he just, you can see how I turned out so good. You have got him on one side loving you, Sabaka kicking a fire at you on the other side. You have got to come out somewhere in the middle. I really appreciate that today.

We have got another whole day if you want to go to Five Guys or Five Guys or Girls or whatever it is, that hamburger place. It is spread out, and then he will be at Ball tonight. Then we are going to go to Jason's Deli afterwards so you can fellowship with him there. Remember, if it rains, follow the hotline, and you can call and check or update at about three o'clock. But then we will just meet there at six thirty. But come and spend today with him. He has got to leave in the morning early. Tonight will be your last night. Come out and fellowship with him. He would sit and talk. He would love to sit and talk to you. Last night at the kids, he was just talking to everybody, just spending. He is just one of us. So I appreciate his message today. I appreciate you opening up your hearts to him. I know that what he said today goes right where we all are. I really appreciate that. So we will work out the dates with you. But I want you to plan on coming and bringing Judy with you. I think that will be a great time, and we can spend some more time together.

Do not forget now, next Sunday we start our countdown to camp, and we need to get all of our applications in and get everything going and go from there. I want to tell you this before we break for the ladies' prayer groups here. Take time this week sometime. Take time to thank the person that invested in your life. I am not talking about me. I am talking about the people in this church, the men and the women, the couples, the singles that saw you, loved you, and were the Barnabas in your life. I want you to grow spiritually. I want you to learn the Bible. I will do everything in my power to help you get there. But one of the things I never want you to do is forget where you started and forget the people who invested in you when nobody else would, who saw in you what nobody else did, and who loved you enough to take what God had given to them and given to you. Then do that same thing in somebody else's life. That is what Barnabas did. Paul did not care for John Mark on that next missionary trip. Paul was a great, great, great guy. It teaches me: you can be the greatest guy and be the number one man in the world to start all the churches, but that does not mean you always see everything the way you need to see it. Sometimes you have to have somebody in your life balance you out. That was a Barnabas. So take that time today. All right, now here is what we are going to do very quickly here. We are in great shape this morning.