



Day 7 - The Message We Share

Yesterday we learned how Barnabas and Paul left their "comfort zone" and went to Barnabas' home province to tell people about Jesus. Elymas the sorcerer opposed them, but God struck him with blindness and the proconsul put his faith in Jesus.

In reading the portion of the Bible today, name some people you think would be among the top 10 most famous people in the Philippines. Today we will read about the most famous King of Israel.

In Acts chapter 13, Paul reminded the people of how God brought the Israelites out of Egypt and gave them the Promised Land. Then he narrated about King Saul and King David. How did God feel about Saul turning away from Him and not following His instructions? God was grieved.

Acts 13: 22 told what God did with King Saul. He removed him and replaced him with King David. What does this tell us about how God feels about sin? God hates sin.

How does God describe David, son of Jesse? "A man after my own heart...who will do everything I want him to do"

Our reading says, according to Paul King David was a great man. He was the most famous king of Israel. But Jesus, the Son of God, was much greater still. According to verses 36-37, what is the evidence that Jesus is greater than King David? God raised Him from the dead.

Why is it important to your faith that Jesus has been raised from the dead and is alive today?

Jesus is a living Savior!

According to verse 38 of our day's reading, what does Jesus do with our sins when we put our faith in Him? He forgives us of all our sins.

According to verse 39, everyone who believes in Jesus is "justified." This means God looks at us as people who are fully cleansed and acceptable in His sight!

Read verse 36. Like King David, we too should serve the purpose of God in our own generation. What do you think God wants you to do during this generation? Share the good news about Jesus with others.

Pray: Ask God to show us His purpose for us in this generation. How does He want us to get out of our comfort zone to do His will? Pray for opportunities to share the Good News about Jesus, greater than any person who has ever lived - the Resurrected Savior.

Go: Who will you talk with about Jesus this week?

Acts of the Apostles 13:13-43 NLT

13 Paul and his companions then left Paphos by ship for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga. There John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem. 14 But Paul and Barnabas traveled inland to Antioch of Pisidia. On the Sabbath they went to the synagogue for the services. 15 After the usual readings from the books of Moses and the prophets, those in charge of the service sent them this message: "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, come and give it."

16 So Paul stood, lifted his hand to quiet them, and started speaking. "Men of Israel," he said, "and you God-fearing Gentiles, listen to me.

17 "The God of this nation of Israel chose our ancestors and made them multiply and grow strong during their stay in Egypt. Then with a powerful arm he led them out of their slavery. 18 He put up with them through forty years of wandering in the wilderness. 19 Then he destroyed seven nations in Canaan and gave their land to Israel as an inheritance. 20 All this took about 450 years.

"After that, God gave them judges to rule until the time of Samuel the prophet. 21 Then the people begged for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. 22 But God removed Saul and replaced him with

David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

23 "And it is one of King David's descendants, Jesus, who is God's promised Savior of Israel! 24 Before he came, John the Baptist preached that all the people of Israel needed to repent of their sins and turn to God and be baptized. 25 As John was finishing his ministry he asked, 'Do you think I am the Messiah? No, I am not! But he is coming soon—and I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the sandals on his feet.'

26 "Brothers—you sons of Abraham, and also you God-fearing Gentiles—this message of salvation has been sent to us! 27 The people in Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize Jesus as the one the prophets had spoken about. Instead, they condemned him, and in doing this they fulfilled the prophets' words that are read every Sabbath. 28 They found no legal reason to execute him, but they asked Pilate to have him killed anyway. 29 "When they had done all that the prophecies said about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead! 31 And over a period of many days he appeared to those who had gone with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to the people of Israel.

32 "And now we are here to bring you this Good News. The promise was made to our ancestors, 33 and God has now fulfilled it for us, their descendants, by raising Jesus. This is what the second psalm says about Jesus:

'You are my Son.

Today I have become your Father.'

34 For God had promised to raise him from the dead, not leaving him to rot in the grave. He said, 'I will give you the sacred blessings I promised to David.' 35 Another psalm explains it more fully: 'You will not allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.' 36 This is not a reference to David, for after David had done the will of God in his own generation, he died and was buried with his ancestors, and his body decayed. 37 No, it was a reference to someone else—someone whom God raised and whose body did not decay.

38 "Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. 39 Everyone who believes in him is made right in God's sight—something the law of Moses could never do. 40 Be careful! Don't let the prophets' words apply to you. For they said,

41 'Look, you mockers,
be amazed and die!

For I am doing something in your own day,
something you wouldn't believe
even if someone told you about it.'"

42 As Paul and Barnabas left the synagogue that day, the people begged them to speak about these things again the next week. 43 Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism

followed Paul and Barnabas, and the two men urged them to continue to rely on the grace of God.

1 Samuel 15:10-11 NLT

10 Then the Lord said to Samuel, 11 "I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has not been loyal to me and has refused to obey my command." Samuel was so deeply moved when he heard this that he cried out to the Lord all night.

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