



When You Make Your Life Your Ministry

Series: "Real Christianity: How It Flourished", Part 2 of 13

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Big Idea: Making your life your ministry is the most effective way to live on mission for God.

Text: 13:1-13

Matthew 28:19-20, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

I. You Will Face Varying Levels Of Opposition.

Acts 13:6-7, "They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, 7 who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God."

Acts 13:8, "But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith."

Acts 13:9-11, Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10 "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? 11 Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

II. You Will Also Have A Receptive Response From People Whose Hearts Are Open.

Acts 13:12, "When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord."

III. You Will Have Some Fellow Christians Let You Down.

Acts 13:13, From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

IV. You Will Likely Have Some Personal Challenges That Discourage You.

Galatians 4:13, As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you.

Romans 14:8, "If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."