
SERMON OUTLINE

Watching God work in a new way

Acts 13:1-12

- I. Something New: As the Holy Spirit calls, the church confidently sends Saul and Barnabas as missionaries (Acts 13:1-3).
 - A. Saul and Barnabas were serving as leaders in Antioch along with others (1).
 - Multiple leadership allows God to direct some to do something new.
 - Those who are sent to do something new are not more spiritual than those who are not.
 - B. God called and the church sent Saul and Barnabas into new ministry roles (2-3).
 - God calls to new responsibilities those already effective in existing responsibilities.
 - God gives us specific direction only as we give him single-hearted devotion.

- II. Some things never change: As Saul and Barnabas are faithful, God's word is effective (Acts 13:4-12).
 - A. Effective ministry begins with the faithful teaching of God's word (4-5).
 - B. Effective ministry will encounter both opportunity and opposition (6-8).
 - C. Effective ministry requires courage as we depend on the power of the Holy Spirit (9-11).
 - D. God gives effectiveness that is only explained by the power of His word (12).

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