

Paul and Barnabas Separate

When reason fails
Acts 15:36--41

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."

Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also.

But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had...

...deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 15:36--41

Barnabas—willed to take Paul—did not consider John/Mark worthy given the past incident

Sharp disagreement—to sharpen or provoke to disagreement

Separate—to divide apart from the other

Barnabas' History

- Acts 4:36—renamed Barnabas from Joseph
- 9:27—introduces Paul
- 11:27—investigate Antioch
- 11:25—retrieves Paul
- 11:30—with contributions
- 12:25—returns to Jerusalem w/ John
- 13:1—first missionary journey
- 15:2—major voice in debate
- 15:36—separates from Paul

Paul's Personality

- Acts 8:1—agreeing to Stephen's stoning
- Acts 9:1—persecuted the Church
- Acts 9:28—sent back to Tarsus
- Acts 13:1—first missionary journey
- Acts 15:2—major voice in debate
- Acts 15:36—separates from Barnabas

John-Mark

- 12:12—mother's house the center
- 46—48—first missionary journey
- 49—59—with Barnabas in Cyprus
- 60—endorsed by Paul Colossians 4:10
- 61—with Paul in prison- Philemon 24
- 61—62—wrote Mark
- 63—64—with spiritual father Peter 1 Peter 5:13
- 67—requested by Paul to be with him near death—2 Timothy 4:11
