

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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### PART 5A: DEPENDING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### **CALLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- Since the early Church, most Christians simply do whatever their heart desires; they don't wait for the Holy Spirit to direct their paths. Many times, Christians will fill a position in the flesh and try to do something which God has not sanctioned.
- Barnabas and Saul were busy serving in the local church in Antioch and didn't know that God wanted them to begin a missionary journey whose fruit would last until Jesus comes back. **Acts 13:1-3**
- By reading the Bible, we can see the entire leadership in the Church was moving in the Holy Spirit, they did not go into action until they were absolutely sure that they had heard the Holy Spirit correctly. **verse 3**
- Barnabas and Saul were told where they were to travel and they completely followed their instructions. **verse 4**
- Are you led by emotions of lust and greed or by the Holy Spirit?***

#### **ENCOUNTERING DEMON POWERS**

- Once Barnabas, Saul, and John Mark (Acts 15:37) arrived on the island of Cyprus, they began preaching the Gospel to the Jews first. **verse 5**
- Once they had finished preaching the Gospel in the city of Salamis, they traveled across the island to the city of Paphos, and here they ran into a Jewish shaman. **verses 6-7**
- This demon possessed man tried to prevent Barnabas and Saul from sharing the Gospel with the governor of the island. **verse 8**
- Paul did not back off, get depressed or lose his joy; instead, he used his spiritual weapons and neutralized the shaman. **verses 9-11**
- Paul used the authority of Jesus and his spiritual weapons to knock off the demon power. **Matthew 10:1, 28:18-20; Luke 9:1-2, 10:1-2, 9, 17-21; Mark 16:15-20; John 14:11-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6**
- The end result was that the governor accepted Christ and was born again! **verse 12**
- How do you handle demons when they show up at your doorstep?***

**Are you filled with joy and the Holy Ghost?**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**

