



Every Christian a Missionary

Acts 13:1-52 | Ryan Pfeiffer | June 28, 2026

INTRO. I love Al's point last week... **GOD IS ON THE MOVE!** What a great word

Acts has been showing us it's a place for healing... belonging... renewal...

As we read Acts 13 we see that joining Church is also joining a movement!

We're about to witness Paul's first missionary journey!!

What begins just a few... becomes a vast movement that changes the world!

PPT. MAP. Acts 13 Begins with/ Antioch—> Cyprus—>Perga—> Pisidian Antioch...

Ends with v49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

Acts isn't just how the Church grew but what it means to be a part of it!

It means to join Jesus' mission... & that every Christian is a missionary...

It doesn't mean we're all called to become itinerant apostles...

But what if to be a Christian means to be a missionary?... Rt where we are?

FOCUS... What are the habits of a Missionary Life?

FIRST. TO BE SPIRIT SENSITIVE. 1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

But their interaction w/ the Spirit is not limited to this moment alone...

- 13:4 — "Sent out by the Holy Spirit"
- 13:9 — "Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit"
- 13:52 — "Filled with joy and the Holy Spirit"

They don't just begin with the Spirit they continue... they remain sensitive!

The Spirit is always with you... always guiding... leading... empowering...

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Missionaries don't simply make plans—they follow God's leading.

ILLUS. Reading this chapter... about to land in Dallas... Spirit use me/ show me...

It's prayer that keeps us sensitive... attentive... responsive = "Filled"... v9

There's a way to keep the prayer meeting going on inside of us...

There is a way of ordering our mental life on more than one level at once. On one level we may be thinking, discussing, seeing, calculating, meeting all the demands of external affairs. But deep within, behind the scenes, at a profounder level, we may also be in prayer and adoration, song and worship and a gentle receptiveness to divine breathings. — Thomas Kelly, Testament of Devotion, p9.

He tells us to begin w/ simple repeated whispered Prayers... "Your will be done..."

1. When you walk into a room
2. Get into your car
3. Get into a conversation.

SECOND. RELATIONALLY INTENTIONAL. 4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper. 6 They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos.

At first their itinerary looks arbitrary but there's an underlying purpose...

- Home Towns. Cyprus (Barnabas). Posidian Antioch (Sergius Paulus).
- Team work. Spirit sends them together... Paul, Barnabas, John Mark.
- Synagogue. Cyprus, P. Antioch, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus etc...

Missionaries lean into existing relational networks to see what God is doing.

There's nothing wrong w/ evangelism w/ strangers (Philip+Ethiopian).

Missionaries don't drift through relationships—they enter them with purpose.

This isn't about making people into our projects... making the sales pitch.

It's simply asking God what are you doing in their life... how can I join in?

Bringing God's purpose into all of our relationships will make them better!

- Delight in the other person. God delights in them. (Zeph 3:17, Ps 149:4)
- Value others above yourself. (Philippians 2:3) (Helping Eric move in...)
- Desire their salvation. God desires everyone to be saved. (1 Timothy 2:3).

ILLUS. I don't necessarily want the attention for it," McKenzie says. "I may be in the center of it, but at the end of the day, the Lord is at the center of it all. He's the main purpose, He's the main character, He is the protagonist. And I'm just trying to bring people into His light in some way. — Mark McKenzie, USMNT.

THIRD. TO BE GOSPEL CENTERED. Paul &Co. Leave Cyprus- travel 150mi...

PPT.1) Map 2) Posidian Antioch.

1. Enters local synagogue... Reading LAW, Proph's... Anything to share? Ha!
2. Beginning with Exodus... to Judges... Saul... David... Jesus! Fulfillment!

38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

Pauls message goes off like a bomb... people don't know... Kill him? Sing!

1 week later... they return... look what happens... READ v44-46-49.

To live like a missionary is to keep the gospel so central it can't stay hidden.

We're not called to apologize for it... make excuses for it... soften it...

But we are called to...

- To believe it. Thru Jesus you are saved from life w/out God... FOREVER.
- To live it. Thru... prayers... actions... words... Paul... willing to suffer!
- To explain it. To put it to words...

Vs 26 ...it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

**Do you know how to share the gospel?
If your children asked you today... what would you say?**

ILLUS. Fly Fishing...

- 1. If you would like a simple training... to share in a non-pushy/preachy way...**
- 2. SCAN THIS QR...**

INVITE THE WORSHIP TEAM...