

# Acts 12:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

## Analysis

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**Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.** The subtle shift from 'Barnabas and Saul' to 'Paul and his company' indicates Paul's emerging leadership, while John Mark's departure foreshadows later conflict.

## Historical Context

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Paul's Roman name (versus Hebrew Saul) began regular use after Sergius Paulus's conversion—appropriate for Gentile mission. Perga in Pamphylia (southern Asia Minor/Turkey) lay inland, requiring difficult mountain travel. John Mark's departure around 48 CE for unstated reasons caused later split between Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:37-39). Whether fear, homesickness, or theological disagreement, his departure revealed mission work's challenges.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does leadership naturally emerge through gifting and Spirit's direction?
2. What causes some to abandon challenging ministry?
3. In what ways do leadership transitions create relational tensions?
4. Why does Scripture honestly record ministry team conflicts?
5. What does John Mark's departure teach about perseverance in mission?

## Interlinear Text

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κρούσαντος	δὲ	τοῦ	Πέτρου	τὴν	θύραν	τοῦ	πυλῶνος
<b>knocked at</b>	<b>And</b>		<b>as Peter</b>		<b>the door</b>		<b>of the gate</b>
G2925	G1161	G3588	G4074	G3588	G2374	G3588	G4440
προσῆλθεν	παιδίσκη	ὑπακοῦσαι	ὀνόματι	Ῥόδη			
<b>came</b>	<b>a damsel</b>	<b>to hearken</b>	<b>named</b>	<b>Rhoda</b>			
G4334	G3814	G5219	G3686	G4498			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 12:16** (References Peter): But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

**Luke 13:25** (Parallel theme): When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: