

Acts 15:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Analysis

Paul and Barnabas are commended as 'men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.' The Greek 'paradedōkosi' (have delivered up, risked) describes willing self-sacrifice. This apostolic commendation validated their ministry and refuted the Judaizers' accusations. Gospel ministers are authenticated by suffering for Christ's sake.

Historical Context

Paul and Barnabas had recently faced persecution in Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra (where Paul was stoned). Their willingness to suffer demonstrated the authenticity of their calling.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does suffering for Christ validate gospel ministry?
2. What does it mean to 'hazard your life' for Jesus' name today?
3. How can recognition from godly leaders encourage faithful ministers?

Interlinear Text

ἀνθρώποις παραδεδωκόσιν τὰς ψυχὰς αὐτῶν ὑπὲρ τοῦ
Men that have hazarded G3588 lives G846 for G3588
G444 G3860 G5590 G5228

ὄνόματος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
the name G3588 Lord of our Jesus Christ
G3686 G2962 G2257 G2424 G5547

Additional Cross-References

Acts 14:19 (Parallel theme): And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

Acts 13:50 (Parallel theme): But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

1 Corinthians 15:30 (Parallel theme): And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

Judges 5:18 (Parallel theme): Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.