

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

Psalms 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	
ὀνόματος	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 jeopardated their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.