

Acts 15:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

Analysis

Judas and Silas, being 'prophets also themselves,' exhorted and confirmed the brethren 'with many words.' The gift of prophecy included both revelation and edification. Their extended ministry shows that the council's decision required pastoral application and explanation. Truth must be not only declared but also applied.

Historical Context

New Testament prophets spoke God's word to edify the church (1 Cor. 14:3). Judas and Silas spent considerable time in Antioch ensuring believers understood the council's theological and practical implications.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does prophetic ministry build up and strengthen the church?
2. What's the relationship between doctrinal truth and pastoral exhortation?
3. How can we help others apply theological truths to daily life?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 11:23 (Parallel theme): Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

Acts 14:22 (Parallel theme): Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 13:1 (Prophecy): Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

1 Peter 5:10 (Parallel theme): But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 5:1 (Parallel theme): The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

1 Peter 5:12 (Parallel theme): By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

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