

Acts 15:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

Analysis

Paul proposes to Barnabas, 'Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.' This pastoral concern for young churches demonstrates apostolic responsibility. The phrase 'see how they do' shows that evangelism must be followed by discipleship and oversight.

Historical Context

Paul's first journey (Acts 13-14) had established churches in Cyprus, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. These churches were only 1-2 years old and needed continued apostolic care.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How should evangelistic zeal be balanced with pastoral care?
2. What responsibility do we have to nurture new believers?

3. How can established Christians encourage and strengthen younger believers?

Interlinear Text

Μετὰ δέ τινας ἡμέρας εἶπεν Παῦλος πρὸς Βαρναβᾶν
after **And** **some** **days** **said** **Paul** **unto** **Barnabas**
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Ἐπιστρέψαντες δὲ ἐπισκεψώμεθα τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς ἡμῶν
Let us go again G1211 **and visit** G3588 **brethren** **our**
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κατὰ πᾶσαν πόλιν ἐν αἷς κατηγγείλαμεν τὸν λόγον
in **every** **city** **where** G3739 **we have preached** G3588 **the word**
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τοῦ κυρίου πῶς ἔχουσιν
G3588 **of the Lord** **and see how** **they do**
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 14:6 (Parallel theme): They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

Acts 13:4 (Parallel theme): So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:51 (Parallel theme): But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

Acts 14:1 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

Exodus 4:18 (Word): And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

2 Corinthians 11:28 (Parallel theme): Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

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