

Acts 15:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Analysis

Barnabas 'determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.' The word 'determined' (Greek 'bouleuō') indicates firm intention. Barnabas saw potential in Mark despite his earlier failure. This grace-oriented approach would ultimately be vindicated - Mark later became useful to Paul (2 Tim. 4:11).

Historical Context

John Mark had accompanied Paul and Barnabas on the first journey but abandoned them in Pamphylia (Acts 13:13). Barnabas, Mark's cousin (Col. 4:10), wanted to give him a second chance.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How should we respond to those who have failed in ministry?
2. What role does grace play in restoring fallen Christians?
3. When should we give second chances versus maintain standards?

Interlinear Text

Βαρναβᾶς δὲ ἐβούλεύσατο συμπαραλαβεῖν τὸν Ἰωάννην
Barnabas **And** **determined** **to take with them** G3588 **John**
G921 G1161 G1011 G4838 G2491

τὸν καλούμενον Μᾶρκον·
G3588 **whose surname was** **Mark**
G2564 G3138

Additional Cross-References

Acts 12:12 (References John): And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.