

Acts 15:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

Analysis

Paul 'thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.' Paul's concern was mission effectiveness - Mark had proven unreliable. While Barnabas emphasized grace and restoration, Paul prioritized faithfulness and perseverance. Both perspectives have biblical merit.

Historical Context

Mark's earlier departure had left Paul and Barnabas without needed assistance at a crucial time. Paul's hesitation reflects the seriousness of missionary commitment in hostile environments.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How should we balance grace with accountability in ministry?
2. What standards should apply to those in Christian leadership?

3. When is it wise to entrust responsibility to someone who previously failed?

Interlinear Text

Παῦλος	δὲ	ἡξίου	τὸ	ἀποστάντα	ἀπὸ	αὐτοῖς	ἀπὸ
Paul	But	good	who	departed from	from	them	from
G3972	G1161	G515	G3588	G868	G575	G846	G575
Παμφυλίας	καὶ	μὴ	συνελθόντα	αὐτοῖς	εἰς	τὸ	ἔργον
Pamphylia	and	not	went	them	to	who	the work
G3828	G2532	G3361	G4905	G846	G1519	G3588	G2041
μὴ	συμπαλαβεῖν	τοῦτον					
not	to take	him					
G3361	G4838	G5126					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 13:13 (References Paul): Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.
