

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

Psalm 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**
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Παμφυλίας καὶ μὴ συνελθόντα αὐτοῖς εἰς τὸ ἔργον

Pamphylia **and** **not** **went** **them** **to** **who** **the work**
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μὴ συμπαραλαβεῖν τοῦτον

not **to take** **him**
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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.

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