

Acts 15:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

Analysis

Paul 'chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.' Silas's selection as Paul's new companion proved strategic - as a Roman citizen (Acts 16:37) and prophet (Acts 15:32), he was well-qualified for Gentile ministry. The church's commendation shows their support despite the recent conflict.

Historical Context

Silas (Silvanus) had delivered the Jerusalem Council's letter to Antioch and remained there. His involvement in that crucial decision made him an ideal partner for Paul's continued Gentile mission.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God provide the right partners for ministry at the right time?
2. What qualities should we look for in ministry companions?
3. How does church commendation strengthen missionary work?

Interlinear Text

Παῦλος δὲ ἐπιλεξάμενος Σιλᾶν ἐξῆλθεν παραδοθὲὶς
Paul And chose Silas and departed being recommended
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τῇ χάριτι τοῦ Θεοῦ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀδελφῶν.
unto the grace of God by the brethren
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 14:26 (Grace): And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

Acts 15:22 (References Paul): Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

Acts 11:23 (Grace): 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.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (Grace): But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.