



Devotion Info
Identify With T.H.E.M.

DAY 1 Read Acts 11:19-21 and II Corinthians 5:20

[19] Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God, but only to Jews. [20] However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus. [21] The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:19-21 NLT

[20] So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

II Corinthians 5:20 NLT

- The scattered believers shared Jesus wherever they went. Why do you think persecution didn't silence them??
- What fears or barriers sometimes keep us from sharing the gospel??

Application: What is one specific step you will take this week to better live out your faith?

DAY 2 Read Acts 11:22-23 and I Thessalonians 5:11

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Acts 11:22-23 NLT

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I Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

- Barnabas is called an encourager. Why is encouragement so vital in the Christian life?
- Who has been a "Barnabas" in your faith journey?

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- How can we be more intentional in encouraging and building up others?

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DAY 4 Read Acts 11:25-26; I Timothy 2:2; and Colossians 3:17

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Acts 11:25-26 NLT

[2] Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

I Timothy 2:2 NLT

[17] And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:17 NLT

- Why do you think Barnabas went to find Saul to help teach in Antioch?
- What does this teach us about the importance of equipping and discipling others?

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- The disciples were first called “Christians” in Antioch. What does this say about how others viewed them?
- If people looked at your life today, what would they see that reflects Christ?

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