



NOT AS BAD AS
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Acts 15:36-41

- ³⁶ Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” ³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸ but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

Acts 15:36-41

- ³⁹ They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹ He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

■ John Mark Flamed Out

Acts 12:25

- ²⁵ When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them John, also called Mark.

Acts 13:5

- ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

Acts 13:13

- ¹³ From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

- John Mark Flamed Out
- John Mark Was Not Finished

II Timothy 4:11

- ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

Implications

- God Uses Failed People

I Timothy 1:13-15

- ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

I Timothy 1:13-15

- ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Implications

- God Uses Failed People
- God Has The Answers For Our Failures

Psalm 73:21-26

- ²¹ When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,
²² I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast
before you. ²³ Yet I am always with you; you hold me by
my right hand.

Psalm 73:21-26

- ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
- ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Implications

- God Uses Failed People
- God Has The Answers For Our Failures
- Spiritual Failure Makes Us Feel Guilty And Defeated

Colossians 2:13-14

- ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Philippians 2:13

- ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 1:6

- ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Implications

- God Uses Failed People
- God Has The Answers For Our Failures
- Spiritual Failure Makes Us Feel Guilty And Defeated
- Functional Failure Makes Us Feel Worthless And Useless

Proverbs 24:16

- ¹⁶ for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.