**Series: Acts: Spirit. Mission. Drama.**

**Title: Holy Spirit Partners**

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Mission = the intentional, spiritual investment in the life of another.

**Acts 13:2-12**

*2While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

1. Mission is rooted in the worship of our limitless God.

*“Worship is not meant to be an ingrown self-enhancing cultic act done by, and on behalf of, a select group. Worship is a celebration of what God did in Christ…Worship, therefore, never ends with the lives of the worshippers but ends in mission.” – Dean Gilliland*

*4The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. 5When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.*

1. We are sent with a clear message to proclaim.

***Acts 13:36-39***

*36“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. 37But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.*

*38“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.*

*6They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos.*

**MAP:** <https://bibletalk.tv/images/uploads/pauls-1st-missionary-journey-2.png>

*6They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, 7who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.*

*8But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. 9Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10“You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? 11Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.”*

*Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand.*

*12When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.*

1. The kingdom does not advance without struggle, setbacks and opposition.
2. We are junior partners with the Holy Spirit and He will do more than we can ask or imagine.