

Multiplied Ministry!
Acts 15:36-16:5
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Paul vs. Barnabas – 15:36-41

- “Some time later...”
- Paul wants to visit the brothers
- The division – John Mark
 - Barnabas wanted to take Mark, Paul did not.
 - Background:
 - John Mark was also the cousin of Barnabas – **Colossians 4:10**
 - John Mark had traveled with them on previous trip, but quit. – **Acts 13:13**
 - “Sharp disagreement” – A severe argument based on intense difference of opinion
 - Decision: Parted company
 - Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus
 - Paul selected Silas...
- Result: Two teams sent out instead of one
 - Ministry was doubled!
 - John Mark grew and had major impact
 - Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; **2 Timothy 4:11**
 - The Gospel!

Timothy – Acts 16:1-5

- Paul travels the route the opposite way – Galatia.
- Timothy – Mother is Jewish, Father is Greek
 - Growing disciple!
- So, Paul had him circumcised..... wait, what?
- The issue – Not salvation/ Avoiding unnecessary offense while evangelizing Jews. See 1 Corinthians 9:19-23! **9:19-20;22**
- Result: The churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Application:

- Will you trust the sovereignty of God in the church?
- What price are you willing to pay to see people come to Jesus?