

"Called to Go"
The Call Sermon Series
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Saul, whose Roman name was **Paul**, was raised **both** in a devout **Jewish** home and in a wealthy **Roman** family business.

He went from **Tarsus** to **Jerusalem** to be trained in Jewish law.
He became a **persecutor** of early followers of Jesus.

Saul encounters Jesus on his way to **Damascus**.

Paul retreats to the **Arabian** Desert for three years,
then home to **Tarsus**.

Barnabas introduces Saul to the disciples in **Jerusalem**.

I. The "First" Missionary Journey: Leaving the Familiar

Acts 13:2-3, "Barnabas and _____" are set apart to go.
"They proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues... (13:5)
of the _____!"

Barnabas, Paul, and John Mark board a b_____ in Seleucia to
travel _____ miles taking between six months and a year.
The first stop was **Cyprus** then to Perga then ascending 5,000 feet
through the Turkish mountains to **Pisidian Antioch**.

Acts 13:14-16, Paul goes to the s_____.

Acts 13:26-31, God raised Him from the dead!

Paul concludes each sermon like this. (Acts 13:38-39)

Your whole life by the law won't work! By J_____ you are free!

II. The "Second" Missionary Journey Includes S_____

Acts 15:40-41, Paul chose S_____.

Acts 16:16-21, Paul messes with people's m_____.

Acts 16:22-24, They are stripped naked, b_____ with rods,
flogged and thrown in jail.

Acts 16:25, Paul and Silas were p_____ and s_____ to God.

Acts 16:26-28, God acts! Paul re-_____!

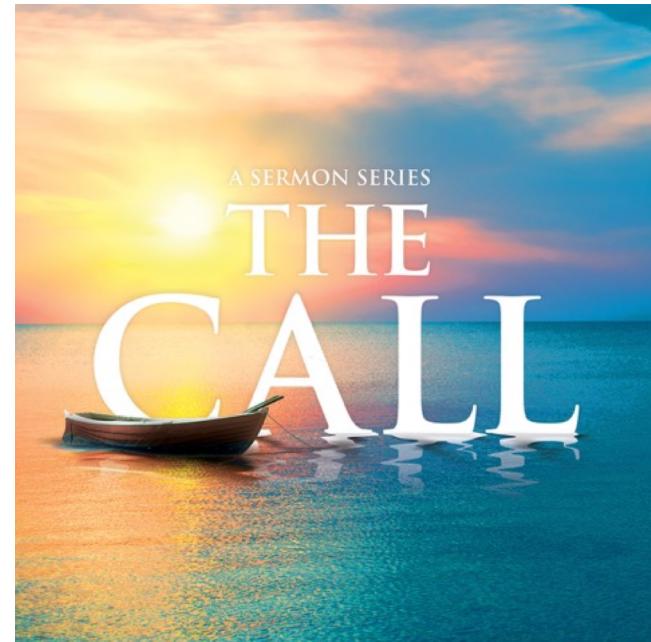
Acts 16:29-34, The jailer and his e_____ household were saved!

Acts 16:35-40, After the celebration, it was back to _____.



The Christian life does not shield us from suffering.
At times, it requires it.

Action Step: Live into Philippians 4:4-7, Rejoice _____!
Do not worry about a _____.
Talk to God about e_____!



Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets
and teachers...While they were worshipping the Lord
and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me
Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have
called them.' Then after fasting and praying they
laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being
sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to
Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:1-4 (NRSV)



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