

SHAKE-UP

ACTS 15:36-16:5

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The scribe/teacher, Barnabas, tells us what he has read. The prophet, Silas, tells us what he has seen. See A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, p. 43. Could not Silas better see the Holy Spirit working in Paul's life?

BARNABAS OUT—The two spiritual giants' relationship was fractured. Where was worship, prayer, fasting, and the Holy Spirit? However, God's sovereignty prevailed and Mark received valuable training from Barnabas. (**Acts 15:36-39, fn 15:36-39, Acts 13:1-3, Acts 13:13, fn 13:13, Acts 12:25, fn 12:25, Acts 11:22-26, Acts 4:36, 37, fn 4:36, II Timothy 4:11, fn 4:11, 12, Colossians 4:10, fn 4:10**) *Have you experienced a fractured relationship? How has God in His sovereignty worked it out?*

SILAS IN—Silas was a prophet, a Roman citizen, a stenographer, and probably spoke Greek. Although Barnabas was a great loss to Paul, Silas was a great gain to him by bringing into the ministry ingredients that Barnabas did not have. Kent Hughes, Acts, page 204 (**Acts 15:40, 41, fn 15:40[1st], fn 15:40[2nd], Acts 16:37, Acts 15:32, I Peter 5:12, fn 5:12**) *How has a leadership change been hurtful or helpful to you? How did you see God in the change?*

TIMOTHY RECRUITED—Upon recommendation of the brothers at Lystra and Iconium, Paul added Timothy to the team. Grandmother Lois and Mother Eunice had a tremendous impact of the early church in developing godly leadership and character in the life of Timothy. (**Acts 16:1-5, fn 16:1, fn 16:2, 3, II Timothy 1:2-5, fn 1:5, Philippians 2:19-23, fn 2:22**) *Why is your role as a parent or grandparent so important?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. *How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others, including your spouse? (Matthew 5:23,24, I Peter 3:7)*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

