



**Context – Acts 15:1-35 (“The Jerusalem Council”)**

*In this lengthy but important section, Paul and Barnabas were united in upholding the purity of the Gospel against false teachers who were openly violating the truth of the Gospel.*

I. Due to an unreconcilable disagreement over the ministry involvement of Mark, Barnabas and Paul were led to change ministry teams. **(15:36-41)**

- **Acts 12:12, 25; 13:13b**

II. Barnabas had a quietly significant impact for the advancement of the Gospel.

- **Acts 9:27; 11:25-26, 30; 13-14; 15:2-4, 12, 25-26, 35**
- **Colossians 4:10** – “...welcome him.”
- **Philemon 1:24** – “...my fellow workers.”
- **2 Timothy 4:11** – “...he is very useful to me for ministry.”
- **1 Peter 5:13** – “...Mark, my son.”
- **Mark 1-16** – one of the three Synoptic Gospels

## **OBSERVATIONS** & **APPLICATION**

1. Barnabas had a successful ministry of **encouragement** to other believers.

*Who in your church family does God want you to minister to with biblical encouragement?*

2. Barnabas had a sincere ministry of **generosity** to other believers.

*Who in your church family does God want you to minister to with biblical generosity?*

3. Barnabas **refused to give up** on other Christians, even if other Christian leaders did not want to risk the investment of time and effort.

*We need to pray for wisdom and discernment to see the potential in other Christians who have made wrong decisions in the past.*

4. The hero of Barnabas's story is Jesus Christ, who is the ultimate example that we should imitate and follow.

*Be humble like Jesus Christ and serve others as a servant.*

**BIG IDEA:** *Be joyfully content in having a quietly significant impact for the advancement of the Gospel.*