

Bible Readings Book by Book week 44 – w/c 4/9/22

Week 44

Monday: Acts 13:1-33. Initially Barnabas seems to be the leader, but in verse 13 a change takes place. From that point on, Paul is always mentioned first and seems to have taken over. Barnabas disciples Paul and nurtured his faith and ministry, yet allows him to take the lead. Are you that gracious when your children or those you have nurtured develop beyond the limits of your achievements?

Tuesday: Acts 13:32-52 There is great power in the word of God. In verses 44-49 we read that the people came to hear the word of the Lord, Paul and Barnabas spoke the word of God, the people honoured the word of God and then they spread the word of God. How will you respond to and spread God's word this week?

Wednesday: Acts 14:1-28 Consider verse 19. Praise from people is a fickle thing. One moment hero-worshipped, the next, stoned. Jesus experienced this during the last week before his crucifixion. We must cultivate the smile of God's approval and not become dependent upon other people. How much do you depend on other people's encouragement and praise?

Thursday: Acts 15:1-35 Some legalistic Jewish leaders came to Antioch and were teaching that a Gentile must become a Jew first before they could become a Christian. They were putting the heavy Jewish yoke onto Gentile shoulders. If we are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ, where do obedience or action or duty fit in?

Friday: Acts 15:36 – 16:15. Lydia came to faith, and others followed her example as her whole household became Christians. There are other examples in the Bible of this principle. Pray today for others in your household or extended family who are not yet disciples, that God would bring them to faith in keeping with this principle of household salvation.

Weekend: Acts 16:16-40 "What must I do to be saved?" is the cry of lost people worldwide. We need to be able to give an answer for the hope we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15). Spend some time writing down a short answer to this question that you can memorise, so that you are prepared for the next time you are asked this.