

ACTS- Church On Mission

Part 32- Disciples Determine & Do

Acts 11:27-30- "Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up & foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas & Saul."

- 1 Corinthians 11-14- Paul talks much about the gifts of the Spirit, their purpose(s), unity, nature & warnings to watch out for
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21- "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good."
- VS. 28- "there would be a great famine over all the world"
- Proverbs 14:21- "Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor."
- Proverbs 14:31- "Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him."
- Proverbs 19:17- "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, & he will repay him for his deed."
- Proverbs 21:13- "Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out & not be answered."
- Proverbs 31:9- "Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor & needy."
- Proverbs 31:20- "She opens her hand to the poor & reaches out her hands to the needy."
- Matthew 25:31-46- Saw hungry, thirsty... people & gave them food & drink= you did/didn't do this for me!
- "The Disciples Determined"
- VS. 29-30- "So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas & Saul."
- 1 John 3:16-18- "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, & we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods & sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed & in truth"
- Genesis 12- Blessed to be a blessing
- Luke 12:15-21- "And he said to them, "Take care, & be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, & he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns & build larger ones, & there I will store all my grain & my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, & the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself & is not rich toward God."
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-2- "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, & by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain."
- Ephesians 2- But we are prone to amnesia
- John 6:32-35- "Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven & gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
- John 4:7-15- "A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."...The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, & who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, & he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water w/, & the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well & drank from it himself, as did his sons & his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal

life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

- Matthew 5:6- "Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."
- "God is glorified when a hungry person turns to Him for bread; when a thirsty person bends down & drinks of Him"
- Matthew 11:28- "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, & I will give you rest."
- Response:
- Here & hungry/thirsty like that lady at the well- COME TO HIM!
- Here & building barns after barns- give something away
- Hope Mission= feeding poor, rehabilitating & developing...help...