

"PREACHING THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND
TEACHING THINGS ABOUT THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL OPENNESS,
UNHINDERED."
- ACTS 28:31

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Welcome To CrossCentral

We're glad you're here today. Whether you've been coming for years or this is your first time walking through the doors. Pull up a seat, grab a coffee, and make yourself at home.

Included is a two-page notes handout for this morning's message. It follows the four movements of the sermon, with key scriptures, fill-in-the-blank prompts to keep you tracking with the message, and space to write your own thoughts. On the back, you'll find five discussion questions for your Connect Group or Acts Triad this week, along with this week's daily reading plan and the Week 1 Unhindered Challenge #UHDC. Keep it. Write on it. Reflect on it during the week.

Today We Begin Something Together

We begin "UNHINDERED: The Gospel on the Move." A nine-week journey through Acts 13–28 where we'll be travelling as a church, from today right through to Sun, Sept 27.

Acts 13 opens in a room that's easy to overlook. Five people. Different backgrounds, different worlds, different histories. They're not in a planning meeting or working through a strategy document. They're simply worshipping and fasting together, turned toward God. And in the middle of all that, The Holy Spirit speaks.

"Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

What follows is one of the most extraordinary movements in human history. Not launched by an institution, not driven by a strategic plan, but initiated by The Holy Spirit, who was already moving and simply called a community to catch up. From that room in Syrian Antioch, the gospel travels to Cyprus, through the mountains of Galatia, across the Aegean into Europe, and eventually all the way to Rome, the centre of the known world.

Today's sermon, "Sent by the Spirit," traces that opening movement through Acts 13, with a question that sits underneath everything Luke is showing us: are we consumers of church, or participants in God's mission?



Wk1 - "Sent By The Spirit."

TEXT: *Acts 13:1-52*

THEME: *"God is The Missionary God who sends His people."*

BIG IDEA: *The church flourishes when it joins the Spirit's mission — and that mission begins not in strategy but in worship.*

MY NOTES:

1. The Room Where It Begins (Acts 13:1–4)

Acts 13:2 *"Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

Five names. Five worlds. One room. One posture:

_____ and fasting.

The Spirit sends from a community at

_____, not from a _____.

Mission doesn't produce _____

_____ produces mission.

MY NOTES:

2. Gospel Opposition (Acts 13:5–12)

Acts 13:9 *"Saul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas..."*

The mission God _____

is the mission God _____.

The Spirit who _____ them is the Spirit

who _____ them.

MY NOTES:

3. The Whole Story (Acts 13:13–41)

Acts 13:38-39 *"Everyone who believes in him is made right with God — something the law of Moses could never do."*

Paul doesn't begin with Jesus, he begins with

_____.

The law could _____ sin.

Only The Risen Christ could _____ it.

What the law could never do, The Risen Christ has

_____.

MY NOTES:

4. The Response (Acts 13:42–52)

Acts 13:52 *"And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."*

The gospel produces 2 responses wherever it lands:

_____ and

_____.

Driven out, and filled with _____.

Joy that doesn't depend on a

_____.



Today's question: *Are we consumers of church, or participants in God's mission?*

One thing I will do differently this week:

ACTS TRIAD

Walk with 2 others through Acts together.

Ask these each week:

- What stood out?
- What challenged me?
- What will I do differently?
- Who can we pray for together?

My triad:

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Day 1 — Mon Aug 3
Acts 13:26–41

Day 2 — Tue Aug 4
Acts 13:42–52

Day 3 — Wed Aug 5
Acts 14:1–7

Day 4 — Thu Aug 6
Acts 14:8–18

Day 5 — Fri Aug 7
Acts 14:19–28

Day 6 — Sat Aug 8
Acts 15:1–11

Day 7 — Sun Aug 9
Acts 15:12–21

CONNECT GROUP & TRIAD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *The five names in verse 1 represent five different worlds in one room. What does that community tell me about what the gospel had already done — before anyone preached a word?*
2. *The Spirit speaks in the middle of worship and fasting, not at the end of a planning meeting. What does that say about the relationship between devotion and mission in my own life?*
3. *Read Acts 13:38–39 together. In practical terms, what is the difference between relating to God through requirement and relating to God through grace? Where do I still tend to live in the first place?*
4. *The missionaries leave persecution "filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" (v.52). When was the last time I experienced joy that existed not because circumstances were good, but despite them?*
5. *Consumers or participants? Be specific — what would change this week if I moved from one to the other in one area of my life?*

WEEK 1 CHALLENGE

Pray by name for one person to encounter Jesus. Tell someone you're doing it.

I am praying for -

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