



Take 5 minutes to Glorify God

Hearing the Holy Spirit

Acts 13:2-4 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went

Wow, "the Holy Spirit said"!!
Matter of factly Luke says: "the Holy Spirit said".
The Holy Spirit spoke to them.

It's easy to pass over this verse as if it's just a figure of speech.

But let us linger here for a second: "The Holy Spirit said".

Luke mentions this as if it is a normal occurrence. We worship and fast, and the Holy Spirit speaks to us. You can hear the early church saying:

"That's who we are, that's what we do, that's what the Holy Spirit does.
He speaks to us".

They were expectant to hear from God through His Holy Spirit. Are we in that place where we expect to hear from God through His Holy Spirit as a normal occurrence?

So what do they do next? What do they do after they finish praying and fasting? What do they do after they hear from God? What else... They pray and fast some more. Notice that worship or prayer and fasting is mention twice in two verses. Like bookends, everything starts and ends with worship/prayer and fasting. They don't just pray and fast until they get what they need and run off. They stay in a constant state of prayer and fasting. Denying themselves, they gladly exchange their flesh and their own understanding to hear God speak that they might walk in the power and knowledge of His Holy Spirit.

Lord, Make us men of worship, prayer and fasting. Cause this to be our first and last instinct. Cause this to be our first nature. That we would be instant in prayer. That we would be anxious only for You and hearing You speak through Your Holy Spirit so we can obey and act in the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus Name, amen

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for the full message on Acts 13.

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About Take 5

We believe God's Word transforms lives and technology can be used for His glory.

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Men's Ministry Meetings This Week

***Iron Works Tuesday
7 pm CCRSM Prayer Room***

***Men of Honor Saturday
8am CCRSM Prayer Room***

All Men invited !!!