

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of many people's heads are visible as they sit in pews. In the background, a large banner hangs from the ceiling with the text "Is Now" and "Let's Live Together!". A group of people is standing on a stage in the background, some with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The overall atmosphere is one of a large, active church gathering.

SERMON OF THE WEEK

**“Serving The Lord
by Serving Others!”**

SERVING THE LORD BY SERVING OTHERS

Who is person you know with the most positive attitude, giving, loving, fun to be around?
NT husband of Mary.



NT Missionary. (Acts 4:36)

Levite - Levi, 3rd son of Jacob.

Priestly tribe, faithfully followed Moses.

Cyprian birth - Numerous Jews settled 300 BC.

Barnabas - Named in testimony to his eloquence.

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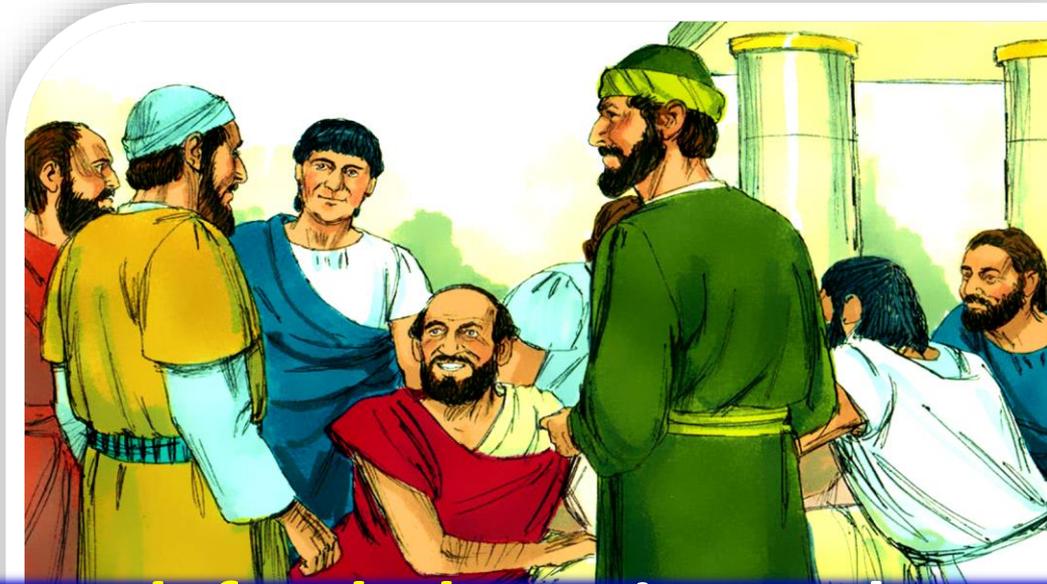
Acts 4:37

[Barnabas] owned
a tract of land, sold
it and brought the
money and laid it
at the apostles'
feet.

GENEROSITY FOR
other's needs 4:34



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He **defended** cousin Mark too
(Acts 15:37 & 39; 2 Tim 4:11)

(Prov 31:9) “**Defend** the
rights of the afflicted.”

Acts 9:27

Barnabas took hold of [Paul] & brought him to the apostles and described.. how he had seen the Lord on the road.

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Acts 11:20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, *who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.*

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Acts 11:21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number *who Believed Turned to the Lord.* [Some who believe *Turn!*]
(*Rulers* John 12:42; *Demons* Jas 2:19)

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Be an encourager (1 Thes 5:11)
Build one another up! 😊

Be willing to **Send** encouragers!

Acts 11:22 And the news about them reached the ears of the church at **Jerusalem**, & they **sent Barnabas off to Antioch**.

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Encourage **Steadfastness!**
Watch out for drift. (Heb 2:1; 3:13)

Joy of the Lord is your strength
(Neh 8:2) So SHOW it !!! 😊

90 year old lady life lesson:
Get up, Dress up, **Show up!**

Acts 11:23 Then when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, **he rejoiced** and began to **encourage them** all with resolute heart **to remain true to the Lord.**

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A GOOD MAN,
FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND FAITH

Acts 11:24

Acts 11:23 “To remain true to the Lord; v24 for he was a *Good man*..

Good: <agathos> - honorable, kind, generous.

Full of the Holy Spirit: - Not nominally, or marginally, but *totally* under God’s control.

And [Full] of Faith: Total, unwavering confidence.

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Bring your
friends !

Acts 9:30
Jerusalem
brethren sent
Saul to Tarsus
for safety.

Acts 11:25 [Barnabas left Antioch]
to look for Saul

Acts 11:26 and when he had

found him, he brought him to Antioch.

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Acts 11:26 And it came about *that for an entire year* they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers..

And the disciples were first called *Christians* in Antioch.

Not a hyphenated—
Denomination !

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Acts 13:1 *Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon .. and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.*

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Prepare & Equip (2 Tim 3:16-17)

Say: Here am I send me (Isa 6:8)

Walk thru open doors (Rev 3:8)

Acts 13:2 And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the *Holy Spirit* said, "Set apart for Me *Barnabas and Saul* for the work to which I have called them."

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Rev 3:20 “I stand at the door and knock; *if anyone hears My voice and opens the door*, I will come in to him and dine with him.”

21 “He who overcomes, I will grant *to him to sit down with Me on My Throne*, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His Throne.”

