

What Revival Looks Like  
How Revival Acts  
Acts 15:36-40

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# 1. The Fitting Proposal for Expanding the Work, 15:36-40

## a. How It Was Made, 15:36

(1) Paul's Initiative, 15:36a "And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas..."

### **polysyndeton**

noun, *Rhetoric*.

1. The use of a number of conjunctions in close succession.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/polysyndeton?s=t>

Acts 15:35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, **with many others also**.

The current population of the United States of America is **326,487,747** as of Saturday, May 19, 2018, based on the latest United Nations estimates. The United States population is equivalent to 4.28% of the total world population.

<http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/us-population/>

- Over 90% of all Gospel preachers are ministering to 4.28% of the world's population.
- “My house is full, but my fields are empty...”

(2) Paul's Intention, 15:36b “...Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city **where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.**”

**Original Word:** ἐπισκέπτομαι

**Transliteration:** episkeptomai

**Definition:** I look upon, visit, look out, select.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1980.htm>

Mt. 25:36 “Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye **visited** me...”

“brethren” = churches

Acts 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, **confirming the churches.**

**Original Word:** καταγγέλλω

**Transliteration:** kataggelló

**Definition:** I declare openly, proclaim, **preach**, laud, celebrate.

*kataggéllō* – **properly, exactly, decisively** announce; to herald (proclaim) a message in a *definite (binding)* way.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2605.htm>

- The emphasis of the first missionary journey was to “preach the word” for the purpose of establishing churches.

b. How It Was Marred, 15:37-39a

(1) Tentative Disagreement, 15:37-38

(a) What Barnabas Determined, 15:37

Acts 15:37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

**Original Word:** βουλευώ

**Transliteration:** bouleuó

**Definition:** I deliberate, take counsel, **determine.**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1011.htm>



- Barnabas planned on taking his nephew, Mark, on this trip.
- Perhaps Barnabas visited his sister in Jerusalem while he was there and John Mark expressed his regret for leaving them in Pamphylia.

Col. 4:10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and **Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas**, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

(b) What Barnabas Discovered, 15:38

Acts 15:38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

**Original Word:** ἀξιόω

**Transliteration:** axioó

**Definition:** I account or treat as worthy.

*aksióō* – to reckon as *worthy*, *matching value* to actual substance  
– i.e. worth as it *corresponds* to reality.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/515.htm>

Luke 7:7 Wherefore neither **thought** I myself **worthy** to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

2 Thess. 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would **count** you **worthy** of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

1 Tim. 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be **counted worthy** of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Heb. 3:3 For this *man* was **counted worthy** of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

Heb. 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be **thought worthy**, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

**Original Word:** ἀφίστημι

**Transliteration:** aphistémi

**Definition:** I make to stand away, draw away, repel, take up a position away from, withdraw from, leave, abstain from.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/868.htm>

Acts 13:13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

“...and went not with them to **the work.**”

**Original Word:** ἔργον

**Transliteration:** ergon

**Definition:** work, task, employment; a deed, action; that which is wrought or made, a work. <http://biblehub.com/greek/2041.htm>

Jn. 9:4 I must work **the works** of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the **work** of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Col. 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good **work**, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for **the work whereunto I have called them.**

(2) Total Disagreement, 15:39a “And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other...”

**Original Word:** παροξυσμός

**Transliteration:** paroxusmos

**Definition:** stimulation, provocation, irritation, angry dispute, (**contention**)

*paroksysmós* – a provocation which literally jabs (cuts) someone so they "*must*" respond.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3948.htm>

(Only used in two places – Acts 15:39 & Heb. 10:24)

Heb. 10:24 And let us consider one another to **provoke** unto love and to good works:

“...they departed asunder one from the other...”

**Original Word:** ἀποχωρίζω

**Transliteration:** apochórizó

**Definition:** I separate from; mid: I part; pass: I am swept aside.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/673.htm>

1 Cor. 9:6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

Col. 4:10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Phlm. 1:24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

2 Tim. 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

c. How It Was Maintained, 15:39b-40

(1) The Departure of Barnabas, 15:39b

“...and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;”

Multiplication by division = more churches established with more souls saved!

(2) The Decision of Paul, 15:40

(a) His Chosen Companion, 15:40a

“And Paul chose Silas...”

**Original Word:** ἐπιστηρίζω

**Transliteration:** epistérizó

**Definition:** I prop up, uphold, support, **confirm**, make stronger.

*epistērízō* – **properly, "prop up, uphold, support, confirm"**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1991.htm>

Acts 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, **confirming** the churches.

Acts 18:23 And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed, and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, **strengthening** all the disciples.

(b) His Church Commendation, 15:40b "...and departed, being **recommended by the brethren** unto the grace of God."



**Original Word:** παραδίδωμι

**Transliteration:** paradidómi

**Definition:** I hand over, pledge, hand down, deliver, commit, commend, betray, abandon.

*paradídōmi* – properly, to give (turn) over; "hand over from," i.e. **to deliver over with a sense of close (personal) involvement.**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3860.htm>



## Conclusion

Acts 14:26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been **recommended** to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

Acts 15:26 Men that have **hazarded** their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.