

The Desertion of John Mark

Acts 13:5, 13

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Part One

- We live in a culture and time in which it seems to be increasingly difficult to find people who will be faithful.
- *“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:2*
- In our text, we have an example of **unfaithfulness**. It involves a man by the name of John Mark. vs. 5
- Have you ever had anybody quit on you when you needed them the most?
- Mark’s unfaithfulness had negative consequences both to himself and to others.
- Every believer must strive to live a life of faithfulness. Why?

**First, because unfaithfulness always _____
others**

- Mark’s desertion really hurt Paul. cf. 15:36-41
- When we are unfaithful we do not simply hurt ourselves. We also hurt others.
- *“Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ...”*

- *“... For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”*

Genesis 18:18-19

- *“Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; **And foundest his heart faithful before thee**, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites...”* **Nehemiah 9:7-8**

Second, because unfaithfulness reveals a walk in the _____

- There are all kinds of forces at work in your flesh to keep you from being faithful in your walk with the Lord. The only answer for this is to walk in the Spirit.
- *“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”* **Galatians 5:16**
- This is our only hope, otherwise we will end up doing what we _____ like doing, instead of what we **should** be doing.