

The Desertion of John Mark

Acts 13:5, 13

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Part Two

- We live in a culture and time in which it seems to be increasingly difficult to find people who will be faithful.
- In our text, we have an example of unfaithfulness. It involves a man by the name of John Mark. vs. 5
- Every believer must strive to live a life of faithfulness. Why?

First, because unfaithfulness always hurts others

Second, because unfaithfulness reveals a walk in the flesh

Third, because unfaithfulness demonstrates a lack of _____

- It appears from the timing of Mark's departure that fear was the cause. Acts 13:13
- When the going gets tough, many believers quit. But when the outlook is bleak, and things are scary, and Satan is fighting, that is when we can expect to see the greatest display of God's _____.
- *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing..."*

... Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

James 1:2-4, 12

Fourth, because unfaithfulness always causes us to _____ so much

- Mark's unfaithfulness caused him to lose _____.
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- Quitting may seem like the easy way out. But, as Mark discovered, it always makes things _____.

- *"A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent."*

Proverbs 28:20

- *"And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after."* **Hebrews 3:5**

- Moses was not perfect, but he was _____.