

Acts 15:36-40

We All Need a Second Chance

Paul and Barnabas are in Antioch where they are preaching the word. Sometime later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Every Day with God

Conflict among humans is inevitable, yes, even among the Apostles. Some say that conflict is good. If we all thought the same, we would be missing on many opportunities that arise because someone thinks differently. Paul and Barnabas will eventually get together again. In these verses Barnabas shows compassion towards Mark and gives him a second chance.

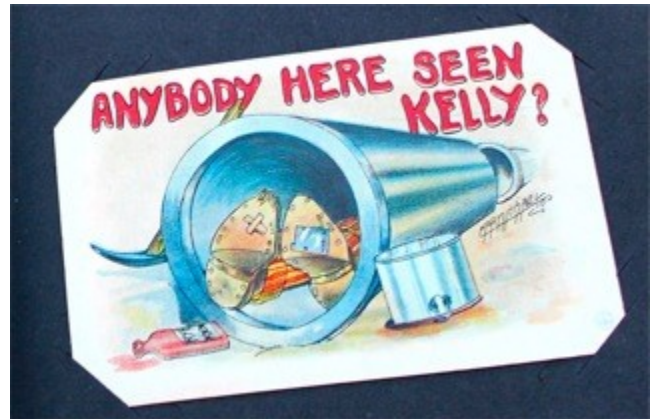


Photo: All of us deserve a second chance.

This is a good lesson for all of us. People deserve a second chance. Isn't that what Christ did for us when he died on the cross so you and I could get a second chance?

Prayer: Thanks, Lord, for the second chance.