

## Message Summary

Paul’s passion is renewed: reach the unsaved and to teach the newly saved—he’s ready for the mission field! In asking Barnabas to travel with him he’s faced with the unacceptable request to allow John Mark to travel with them (*he’d left them once, won’t he do it again?*) The 2 couldn’t agree, and the issue became so contentious that they parted ways. Each man began his own missionary journey without the presence of the other. In the end we see how God transforms human weakness by His power, so that the reach of the Gospel message is multiplied, and churches become stronger than ever before!

### Main Points

1. V. 36: Passionate Paul
  - 1.1. Love for the lost and heart for the saved
  - 1.2. “They’ll know we are Christians by our love”
2. Vv. 37: Paraklesis Barnabas
  - 2.1. Paracletos, the Holy Spirit
  - 2.2. Encouragement: by the Scriptures and by each other
3. Vv. 38-39: Perspective
  - 3.1. All **people** battle sin, even Paul! But we’re free in Christ.
  - 3.2. In essentials *unity*, non-essentials *liberty*, in all things *charity*
4. Vv. 40-41: Powerful God
  - 4.1. Satan wants division, God multiplied unity
  - 4.2. The church, converts, and disciples multiplied faster than ever.

### For Discussion

1. *Passion* is a wonderful thing to drive you towards accomplishing for the Lord. What are you passionate about? How can *pride* mar your passion (share an example!)
2. The Bible encourages us and calls us to encourage others: discuss effective ways to achieve that. (Must it be with words? How else?) Give an *example* from the Bible of God’s encouragement to His people.
3. God’s strength through His people accomplishes great things. Ask your group for prayer about specific areas of your life where you feel “weak”.

### Devotional Verses

1. Rom. 15:5
2. John 8:36
3. Ps. 118:8

### Personal Notes