

When was the last time you experienced resistance to the Good News? How did you see it? Was it opposition or an opportunity when someone challenged your confidence in Christ? How did you respond?

Paul and Barnabas were sent out to reach the Gentiles with the Good News of salvation for whoever would simply believe in Jesus as God's answer to our sin issues. In every place they went they received "positive and negative reviews." How did they handle it? How can we be emboldened to represent the Gospel of Christ to the world to which He has sent each of us who love and trust Him?

Mixed reviews

Humility

Persistence

Boldness

Encouragement

Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. What's your favorite movie?
2. When was the last time you faced opposition for what you believed and how did you handle it?
3. What was it that made Paul and Barnabas so bold and effective in the face of life threatening opposition? What might God want you to do with their example?
4. When God accompanied their testimony with signs and wonders. The two witnesses were suddenly thought to be gods. In all humility the two tried to turn the attention to the true and living God. When have you been tempted to take credit for something God has done?
5. On the return trip Barnabas encouraged those who had turned to Christ and put the ongoing work of the Lord into the hands of those who had come to Christ. How soon should those who've come to Jesus begin to serve and represent Him? What may we learn from Barnabas' act of making them accountable for the ongoing work?



Opposition & Opportunity

Acts 14

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