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utterly burdened yet tireless





The History with Paul & Corinth

But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, [16] was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. [18z] Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem...

Gal. 1:15



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Key thread # 1

Be willing to drop what you know to learn again



If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. [31] The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. [32] At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, [33] but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

II Corinthians 11:30-33



Paul's first trip to Jerusalem as a
follower of Jesus

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Key thread # 2

God is always moving in our lives even when life seems to be standing still



Key thread # 3

the need toward mentoring & an honest voice in your life



Barnabus & Paul head to Antioch

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Key thread # 4

We NEVER live a pointless day with Jesus



PAUL'S MISSION TRIPS

3 IN ALL:

i. First trip – Cyprus & Galatia – Acts 13-14

A man with a beard and glasses is sitting at a desk, writing in a notebook. He is wearing a dark shirt. The background is a dark, textured surface. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Key thread # 5

People will not always get you in this Journey with Jesus (you will never be a hero for following Jesus!)



And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, [16] as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. [17] You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. [18] But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

II Peter 3:15-18



Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey

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KEY thread # 6

Good shows up but it's often hard to find in the results



I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. [7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7



For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. [2] But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2

trip – Cyprus &
a – Acts 13-14
nd trip –
e, Athens &
h – Acts 15-18
(9-51)
d trip – Asia
– Acts 18-20





For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. [9a] Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death.

II Corinthians 1:8-9a

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KEY thread # 7

our lives are better with Jesus but they are not easier



Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

II Corinthians 4:10



Suffering, it appears, is not simply something through which the faithful people must pass to get to their destination. It is in itself the way in which the dark powers that have ruled the world will exhaust themselves, the way in which the one-off victory won by the Messiah on the cross will be implemented in the world

N.T. Wright – Paul



But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. [8] We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; [10] always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. [11] For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. [12] So death is at work in us, but life in you.

II Corinthians 4:7-12