

MMBS Study: A Life Worth Duplicating
Luke McNeely | Week 2 | 1/17/24

Goal of the morning: Consider four ways to live a life of impact based on the story of Barnabas.

Barnabas - Acts 11:24 for he was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.

Story #1 – Acts 4:36-37

Principle for a life of impact: Barnabas saw a need; he took action.

Tool from Stonegate's Discover You Questions:

1. What am I interested in?

What do you enjoy? What are your hobbies? Where do you spend your free time? How can these things be redeemed for kingdom impact?

2. What excites me?

What gives you energy? What do you look forward to doing? How can these things be redeemed for kingdom impact?

3. What am I driven by?

What gets you out of bed in the morning? What must you do? I have to act. Where do you feel most alive? How can these things be redeemed for kingdom impact?

4. What am I burdened for?

What keeps you up at night? What pain/brokenness in the world do you think God wants you to step in and help restore or renew? How can these things be redeemed for kingdom impact?

Story #2 – Acts 9:26-31

Principle for a life of Impact: Barnabas saw potential when no one else could; he took a risk.

Define – (Merriam Webster)

Compliment - an expression of esteem, respect, affection, or admiration

Encourage - to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope : to spur on

Tool for Giving Courage – “ICNU” Conversation

Consider: Who in your life, could you give courage through an ICNU conversation?

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Story #3 - Acts 11:19-26

Principle for a life of Impact: Barnabas saw God at work; he completely rearranged his life.

Tool from Experiencing God

1. What adjustment is God presently asking of you?
 - a. Your circumstances (job, home, finances)
 - b. Your relationships (family, friends, business associates)
 - c. Your thinking (prejudices, methodology, planning)
 - d. Your commitments (to family, church, job, plans, traditions)
 - e. Your actions (how you pray, give, serve)
 - f. Your beliefs (about God, His purposes, His ways, your relationship to Him)
2. Is there an adjustment God has been asking you to make which you have found difficult?
 Is there something God is asking you to do right now that you are resisting?

Story #4 – Acts 15:36-41

Principle for a life of Impact: Barnabas saw a deserter; he restored him anyway.

Tool for Restoring the Wayward

1. Go to the Lord

- Pray often
- Grieve if necessary
- Work to forgive
- Trust the Lord's goodness

2. Pursue Friendship

- Be a consistent presence in their life
- Be intentional about pursuing shared interests
- Be honest about your shortcomings
- Surrender your desire to be right

3. Point them back to Christ

- Genuinely, love like Christ
- Humbly, live like Christ
- Gently, point them to Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you from today's lesson?
2. Which principle can do you need to consider/put into practice?

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3. How can the men around you pray for one another this week?