

Courage to Follow, Grace to Stand, pt 1

Acts 13:4-12

Courage

Review

Risk

Relocation

Antioch ⇒ Seleucia ⇒ Cypress (the **HAPPY** place)

Barnabas' home

Bar-Jesus (Elymas) encounter

**Divine Preparation: It's tough to predict who God is
preparing to respond! (13:5ff)**

Saul - Paul

Sergius Paulus

Barnabas and Paul are welcomed by a Gentile
and opposed by a Jew!

Cast a wide net when sharing the gospel.

Reveals the true nature of sharing the gospel

Result: Paul reaches Paulus

Closed eyes open and open eyes close.

Deceived people don't always want out of the deception!

Preparation Lessons:

How has or is God uniquely preparing you?

Rowing around the island

Human Opposition: People in darkness seek to keep others
there with them. (8b)

Expect it!

It takes courage and grace to confront the blind.

Spiritual Reality: Realize what we are up against. (10)

full of deceit

full of fraud

son of the devil

enemy of righteousness

making God's straight ways crooked

It takes a work of God!

Take it Home