

Teamwork in Ministry

Acts 15:36 - 16:5

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Precedent for team ministry:

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2. Barnabas desired to take along John Mark. 15:37
3. Paul adamantly refused. (John Mark had been a quitter.) 15:38
4. The team members could not resolve their differences. 15:39a
5. Barnabas broke away from Paul. 15:39b
6. Some thoughts to consider:
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 - b. Some Christians are more interested in giving those who have failed a second chance.
 - c. Even the most committed Christians can disagree on policy.
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 - b. The broader team supported them. 15:40b

- c. Paul and Silas followed the original game plan, just in a another area. 15:41
2. Paul added Timothy. 16:1-3
 - a. Your prospective team member may seem a bit unorthodox. 16:1
 - 1) Younger
 - 2) Different culture
 - b. Your prospect needs a good reputation. 16:2
 - c. We always need a plan to train the younger generation! 16:3a
 - d. Your new team member may require some adjustments. 16:3b

C. Keeping in harmony with team rules. 16:4-5

1. It's good to follow team policies. 16:4
2. That's when we see the most growth. 16:5

D. What do we need to remember?

1. Team ministry is typical in the NT.
2. Sometimes teams change.
3. Changes can be painful.
4. Don't play the blame game!
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TEAM MINISTRY by the rules is PRODUCTIVE!

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