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-The Church That Changes The World-

"We somehow think the church is here for us; we forget that we are the church, and we're here for the world." -Erwin McManus

"The Church right now has more fashion than passion, is more pathetic than prophetic, is more superficial than supernatural." - Leonard Ravenhill

Acts 13:1-13

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger,^[a] Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord. ¹³ Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem,

Seven Marks of a World-Changing Church:

1. A church that is centered on God's Word.
2. A church that worships.
3. A church that goes when God says go.
4. A church that sends and supports.
5. A church that declares the gospel boldly.
6. A church that sees lives changed by Jesus.
7. A church that perseveres through setbacks.

What is your next step of obedience? Will you say yes?

Your assignment starts where your FEET are.

Extra Credit: I will write my testimony (1 page). "Before Jesus, I was _____." Since I committed my life to Jesus Christ and made Him my Savior and Lord, I _____."

