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***Purpose to pursue***

***Acts 13***

**1** Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work (*ergon*) to which I have called them.” **3** Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away. **4** So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. **5** And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as *their* assistant. **13** Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and *John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.* **NKJV**

***A sad ending?***

***Acts 15***

**36** Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see how they are doing.*” **37** Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. **38** But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work (*ergon*) **39** Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; **40** but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. **41** And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. **NKJV.**

***What made him turn back?***

***2 Corinthians 11***

**26** I have been on journeys many times, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from robbers, in dangers from my own countrymen, in dangers from Gentiles, in dangers in the city, in dangers in the wilderness, in dangers at sea, in dangers from false brothers... **27** in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— **28** besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. **NKJV**

***Purpose and relationship restored***

***2 Timothy 4***

**9** Get here as fast as you can. Demas, chasing fads, went off to Thessalonica and left me here. Crescens is in Galatia province, Titus in Dalmatia. **10** Luke is the only one here with me. Bring Mark with you; he'll be my right-hand man since I'm sending Tychicus to Ephesus. **13** Bring the winter coat I left in Troas with Carpus; also the books and parchment notebooks. **Message**

***The deserter becomes the comforter***

***Colossians 4***

**10** Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him). **11**...these are my fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

See also Philemon 1:24

***Stay rooted in the Body***

***1 Peter 5:13***

Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. ***New Living Translation***

***Barnabas, Paul and Peter all disciplined Mark.***

***Stay rooted in Christ***

***Matthew 11***

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." ***New International Version***

<sup>28-30</sup> "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." ***Message Translation***