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**Acts 11:21-30**

**Barnabas and Saul to Antioch**

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**People Turn to Christ in Faith**

**Acts 11:21-23 (NASB)**  
And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

- Those who come to Christ are nurtured and encouraged in the faith

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**Saul of Tarsus and Christians**

**Acts 11:24-26 (NASB)**  
for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

- We last heard about Saul in Acts 9

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### Prophecy of a Famine

**Acts 11:27-28 (NASB)**

Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius.

- Agabus gave a prophesy that came to pass
- Acts makes claims that are verifiable in real world history

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### The Church Takes Action

**Acts 11:29-30 (NASB)**

And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

- Keeping a good relationship between other churches and Jerusalem was important
- The world is hostile to the church so Christians must care for one another

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