

Established in the Faith

Acts 11:19 – 30

I. Introduction

II. Two Things Believers Need to Grow and Mature in their Faith

A. Believers need encouragement to grow and mature in their faith.

Acts 4:36 – 37 ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 9:26 – 27 ²⁶ And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 15:36 – 39 ³⁶ And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." ³⁷ Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus...

Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

B. Believers need sound teaching to grow and mature in their faith.

Acts 14:12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

1 Peter 2:1 – 2 ¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation...

Acts 20:18, 20, 27 ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia... ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house... ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.”

III. Conclusion