

Acts 15:36-41 **Preparing for Second Missionary Journey**

Fall out between Paul and Barnabas – Barnabas & John Mark – Paul & Silas

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. 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

Facts Revealed

- ✚ Some days after returning to Antioch with the letter from the Apostles and Elders of the Church in Jerusalem, where they had gone for direction concerning Gentiles and circumcision [Acts 15:1-35] Paul suggested to Barnabas that they return to the Churches they had established on their first missionary journey to see how they are doing.
- ✚ Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them but Paul rejected the idea because John Mark had left them after they had landed in Asia at Perga of Pamphylia on their first missionary journey. [Acts 13:13]
- ✚ After a major fall out over it, they parted and Barnabas took John Mark with him to Cyprus.
 - ✧ Salamis on the Island of Cyprus was the birthplace of Barnabas who was a Levite. [Acts 4:36]
- ✚ The brethren of the Church in Antioch of Syria commended them to the grace of God
- ✚ Paul took Silas with him through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the Churches as they went.
 - ✧ Silas was a prophet from the leadership of the Church in Jerusalem. [Acts 15:22]
 - ✧ **Antioch** is in the province of **Syria**.
 - ✧ **Cilicia** is the land between the Taurus Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea bordering with the Syria on the East and Pamphylia on the West. Tarsus the birthplace of Paul is in Cilicia.