

Message Notes | To the Ends of the Earth

Part 2: Unstoppable Force

Acts 13:1-12

→ I'm just getting in the way

→ how the Holy Spirit guides people - **vs. 1-2**

#1 _____ **were commissioned to carry out God's perfect mission.**

→ understanding Elymas - **vs. 4-8**

→ what Jesus told people to expect: **John 3:19; 16:2**

#2 The nature of God's mission means there will be _____.

→ Elymas got in the way of an unstoppable force - **vs. 9-11**

#3 God takes opposition _____ **and** _____.

→ are you part of God's way, or in God's way? - **vs 12**

#4 Jesus got _____.

An unstoppable force is at work _____ you, _____ you, and _____ you.

Group Questions | To the Ends of the Earth

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1. How often, if ever, do you get the feeling that you're just getting in the way?
2. **Read Acts 13:2.** The Holy Spirit guided the first generation of Christ's church in a very direct way. What are some reasons why the Spirit would change his approach in the generations that followed?

3. Someone might say, "I don't feel like I'm ready to share gospel because I need to change some things about my life and learn more about the Bible." How would you respond?

Does that quote sound like something you've said or thought recently?

4. **Read John 3:19 and John 16:2.** What should a follower of Jesus expect when they share the good news of Jesus with the world?

5. **Read Acts 13:9-12.** Why did God blind Elymas?

Why do you think doesn't God bring consequences on everyone who hinders the spreading of the gospel?

6. Describe the transformation that would take place in your life if you remember that God's unstoppable force is at work...

...for you.

...in you.

...through you.

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#1 Imperfect people were commissioned to carry out God's perfect mission.

- understanding Elymas - **vs. 4-8**
- what Jesus told people to expect: **John 3:19; 16:2**

#2 The nature of God's mission means there will be opposition.

- Elymas got in the way of an unstoppable force - **vs. 9-11**

#3 God takes opposition personally and seriously.

- are you part of God's way, or in God's way? - **vs 12**

#4 Jesus got in your way.

An unstoppable force is at work for you, in you, and through you.

Bible Reading for Today

Acts 13:1-12

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with 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 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

⁶ They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰ "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun."

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹² When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.