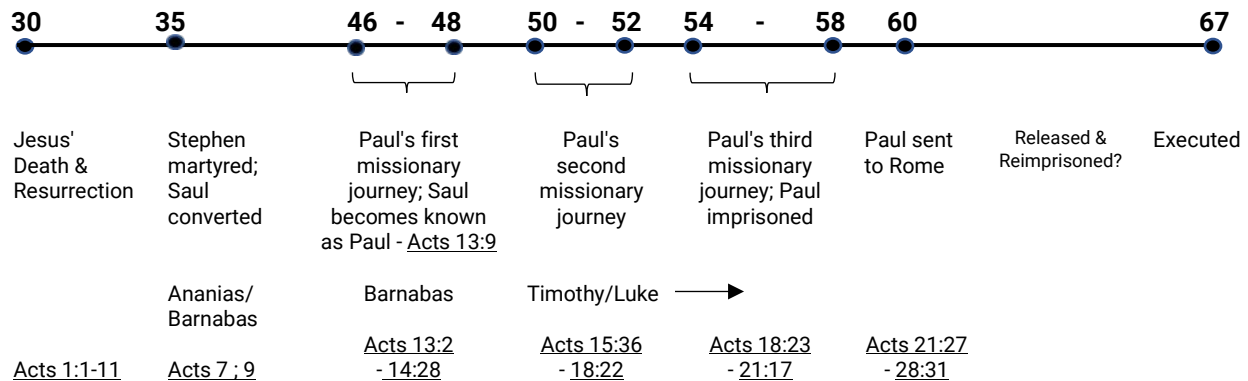


FULLY FUNCTIONING FOLLOWERS GIVE PART 4: SWEET SPOT AUGUST 25, 2019

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labor in the LORD is not in vain.”
1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

PAUL'S LIFE AND MINISTRY (Approximate Dates)



LEARNING FROM LUKE

“Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea ... I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.”
2 Corinthians 11:24-25, 27 (NIV)

“I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’”
2 Corinthians 12: 7-9 (NIV)

“Luke, the beloved doctor ...”
Colossians 4:14 (NIV)

“Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”
Luke 1: 1-4 (NIV)

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SWEET SPOT

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”
1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

- **THERE IS A MINISTRY FOR _____.**

- YOU WILL DISCOVER YOUR _____ AS YOU _____, NOT _____ YOU SERVE.

"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven"
Acts 1:1-2 (NIV)

DISCOVERING MY SHAPE FOR SERVICE

- **S** _____

"Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."
1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7 (NIV)

- **H** _____

"...as slaves of Christ, [do] the will of God from your heart."
Ephesians 6:6 (NIV)

- **A** _____

"...the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be."
1 Corinthians 12:14-18 (NIV)

- **P** _____

- **E** _____

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it ... Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?"
1 Corinthians 12:27, 29 (NIV)