**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. September 4, 2017**

**Follow The Lead Of Holy Spirit**

ACTS 13 & 14

**Key Truth:** The church is sent out by the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel.

1. Commissioning of Barnabas and Saul was initiated

 by the Holy Spirit.

 A. Fasting, Prayer, and Fellowship with the Body of Christ is

 the key ingredients for discerning the will of God.

 B. If we are going to play an active part in the kingdom

 building, we must be sensitive to God’s leadership.

 C. Following Christ means we give up our rights to our plans

 and ambitions.

2. Communication of the gospel is empowered by Holy

 Spirit.

 A. God sends us out as witnesses to declare the gospel.

 B. Paul and Barnabas were strategic and intentional as they

 went preaching the gospel.

3. Confrontation to Gospel is Satan opposing the work of the

 Holy Spirit. John 16:7

 A. We must never forget that we are in a spiritual battle.

 B. Opposition to the gospel is to be expected.

4. Conversion of individuals is the work of the Holy Spirit.

 A. Miracles serve as a witness to the reality of the resurrection

 of Jesus Christ.

5. The Great Commission is attainable as we obey God’s calling

 and rely upon the Holy Spirit to open a door of faith.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls**: Recognize you are on mission with God. Trust God and pray for an open door to share the gospel. Persevere despite the hardships you face.

**Food For Thought**

For the Week of September 4, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read ACTS 13:1-3: What was the scene when the Holy Spirit spoke to the leaders at Antioch? How do you think He may have spoken? How does He speak today?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in our fulfillment of God’s vision for the gospel?

What evidence of the Antioch church’s spiritual and ministerial growth do you see in this passage?

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10: For what specific purpose has God set you apart? For what purposes has He set our church apart?

Read ACTS 13:38-39: What does Paul say is the central meaning of the resurrection?

Few of us are naturally balanced in evangelism and discipleship but we prefer one over the other. Which are you inclined to neglect in favor of your natural preference? What steps could you take to let your strength aid your weakness?