

The Acts of the Apostles

Barnabas and John Mark

What is a role model?

- A role model is a person whose behaviour, example, or success is or can be emulated by others.

John Mark

James

Paul

Tabitha

Peter

Barnabas

Silas

Lydia

Ananias

What kind of man was Barnabas?

Barnabas – son of encouragement or exhortation

- He lived out the word:
- He was willing to reach out to others, to put himself out for them: e.g. vouching for Saul
- He was willing to serve wherever and however he was needed
- He delighted in seeing others exhibiting the grace of God in their lives, exhorting them and encouraging them to remain faithful.
- He was a great mentor, both Paul and John Mark were his proteges
- He was humble and fruitful
- He was obedient to the Holy Spirit:
- He was faithful to those under his care
- He was imperfect

Who was John Mark?

John Mark

- Had Both Hebrew – John- and Latin –Mark- names showing a mixed heritage?
- The son of Mary and cousin of Barnabas
- Came from a family of some means
- An early follower of Jesus
- His mother's house was well known amongst the early church
- Assistant to Barnabas and Paul (and later to Peter)
- Central to rift between Barnabas and Paul
- Mentored by Barnabas
- Co worker with Paul and Peter
- Writer of Mark's Gospel

What is their legacy for us?

- Be an encourager
- Trust in the Holy Spirit
- Be a servant to our leaders and to each other
- Have grace for one another –look past the obvious!
- Don't give up on ourselves or those around us
- Expect God to place us and use us even if its not what we'd choose
- Look out for those we can draw up and rejoice when they move past us
- Delight in the faith and growth of others