

## Act 29

After the disagreement of Paul and Barnabas, when Paul and his companions were traveling throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, they came to the border of Mysia. There they tried to enter Bithynia but, as we started to enter, the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So all of the company passed by Mysia except for two.

Clay the Evangelist and his trusted friend Brother David. Evangelist Clay felt lead by the Spirit to venture deep into Mysia and travel to the town of Orlando. Even though the Spirit of Jesus had held back Paul, E. Clay and B. David continued. On the way towards Orlando, E. Clay and B. David had to stop along the way. Because B. David was older than E. Clay, B. David was in need of more rest and could not travel as long and hard as E. Clay.

On one such night, while they were resting. B. David fell asleep and had a dream. In the dream the Lord showed B. David that the next day, while traveling, they would encounter a fellow traveler who has come from a far away land across a vast sea. This traveler was named Felix. And that we should offer that he should travel with us for safety sake. Little did E. Clay and B. David know that it wasn't them who would be keeping Felix safe but just the opposite. Felix had come from a far away land where he was a part of a very evil family of thieves. Where killing and selling stolen goods was normal. Felix was schooled in the arts of evil and was a very capable man.

The very next day, around noon, while they were resting again, a strange little man walked up and asked for a drink. E. Clay spoke to this man and told him that he had 2 kinds of water and they he would gladly share both with him. E. Clay asked the man his name and he replied, Felix. E. Clay gave Felix a drink of water and then told Felix about Jesus, the living water. Felix was cut to the quick and asked E. Clay what must he do to have this living water. Soon Felix was been again and baptized. B. David gave him a new name called Epistrepho. Which means "That they turned from darkness to light." But they called him Episto for short and easier to say.

As the 3 men continued to travel towards Orlando, they became hungry. Episto knew of a town near by that they could stop for the night and sleep and eat. When they entered the town they asked a very tall older man who was sitting by the entrance gate named Peter, where they might find this place to eat. Peter was very old and hard hearing but very wise. He told the 3 men of the house that sold food and places to sleep. But he also warned them that the place was run by a man named Sceva. And this man had 7 sons who ran the town.

The 7 sons of the man named Sceva were named, Marc, Blake, Lane, Devin, Paul, Kyle, and the youngest was Harvey. Now not only did these 7 sons run a gambling house but they also traveled around trying to cast out demons.

As we entered to house, Felix, named Episto, told us to all sit in the back of the room with our backs towards the wall and facing the door. We knew that Episto had heard from the Lord so we obeyed. Just as we were being seated, the 7 sons burst into the room. They were naked and bleeding and badly beaten. Episto warned us not to speak to those men but B. David, having seen in another old man's dream, knew that these 7 sons were ready to be saved.

E. Clay began to lay his hands on these 7 sons and anoint them with oil. Instantly their wounds were healed. B. David, knowing that this was the manifestation of the dream he had the night before, began to ask the 7 sons what had happened. They told B. David how they had been trying to use the name of Jesus to make some extra money by driving out demons. Because their gambling house was not making enough money. So B. David began to share with the 7 sons a more perfect understanding of the name of Jesus and what power there actually was in that name.

The 7 sons began to weep and ask "what they must do to be saved?" B. David told them that they must repent and be baptized. So all 7 of the sons prayed and asked Jesus into their lives and were baptized. That's when E. Clay asked the 7 sons if they had wives and children. They all said yes, except for Harvey. He had been horribly disfigured while he served in a Roman Legion and no woman would even speak to him.

So E. Clay had each of the 7 sons gather their families together. B. David began to preach a message long into the night. He went on and on. However, his message was so powerful that none of them even noticed that the sun had risen up the next day. When it was full light, even all of the wives and children of the seven sons were saved and baptized.

About this time, the very old man named Peter came barely walking into the house. He spoke to E. Clay and B. David and Episto and said. Now that all 7 sons of Sceva have been saved and all of their wives and children, that they should all begin to meet together and share all things in common. E. Clay said that he would for go his trip to Orlando now and become the pastor of this new church. And the very old man named Peter would become his assistant.

Right at that time a traveling minstrel came to town. He began to play and sing the praises to God. Many other people were drawn to this minstrel. His name was Mark. (not the apostle) When the very old man named Peter heard the minstrel named Mark play, he asked Mark if he would stay and help Pastor Clay in his new church plant. Mark the Minstrel was overjoyed and began to play and write psalms to God.

That's when Episto, formally known as Felix, pulled out a large bag of gold that he had in his pack and he donated it to this new little church. And the word of the Lord began to spread

far and wide in that region. Mighty miracles were done. B. David laid hands on little Harvey's disfigured face and he was completely healed. So that he managed to find a wife. Although she was from a different county. And they had 12 children.

As Pastor Clay and Old man Peter ministered at the church and Menstrual Mark lead the worship the Lord began to add greatly to their numbers. Mighty miracles were done each week. The name of Jesus was lifted higher and higher until there was no longer anyone, who was part of the little church, that was sick or poor or lonely.

Finally, after many years, Episto said to B. David, I believe my work here is done. I am wanting to return across the vast sea to my homeland. There I will preach Jesus to my fellow thieves. B. David offered to go along and help. So Pastor Clay and Old Man Peter and all 7 of the sons of Secva, laid their hands on Episto and B. David. They sent them off with their blessing.