



When Does God Say Go and
How Do You Know? (Acts 13)

VINTAGE US, PART 1

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VINTAGE US 2 — Part “B” of Book 2 of the Acts, deeds and teachings of Jesus.

PLOT SUMMARY: Acts (the sequel) is FOR everyone*, STARRING Paul of Tarsus**, ABOUT Jesus and his movement doing just what he said, going to the ends of the earth!

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* Story of ordinary (at best) people, filled with God’s spirit, together doing extraordinary stuff in the name of Jesus the messiah...i.e. it’s our story, our origin story, our myth!

“GO” — God has a mission for you... you are sent!

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

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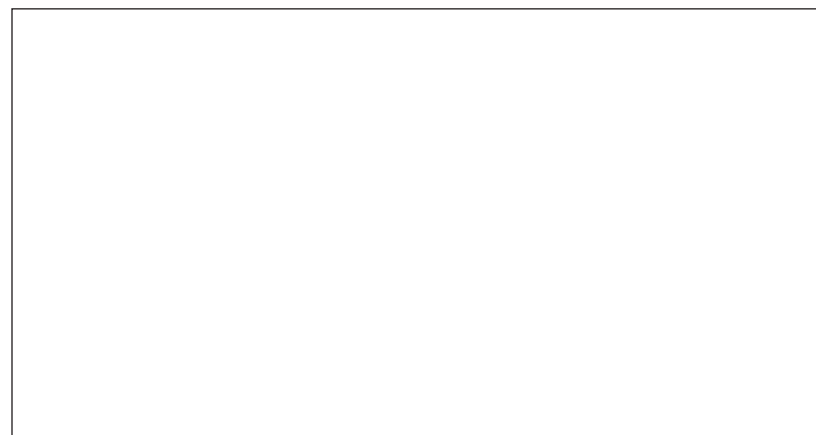
- ✓ It’s in the context of community.
- ✓ It’s for impact.
- ✓ It flows out of connection with God (rich, close, deep connection).
- ✓ Surrender will be required.
- ✓ ≠ SMOOTH SAILING (pun intended) — there’s a “darkness” for you to attack and it won’t like it.

“KNOW” — God SPEAKS, LEADS and GUIDES.

It’s vital that we learn to hear, follow and discern!

- ✓ Not utilitarian — not just God trying to get stuff done!
- ✓ In community ... again!
- ✓ Quiet — miss-able and learnable!

LEANING INTO SIGNIFICANCE



* Listen, Share, draw near!

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