

**The First Missionaries, Barnabas and Paul:
The Most Challenging Call Ever Given
Acts 13:01–03**

- 1** *They were members of a great church, a church that reached out to all*
- 2** *They were noted as gifted*
- 3** *They were called while worshipping and fasting*
- 4** *They received a specific call: They were “set apart” by the Holy Spirit*
- 5** *They bathed their mission in prayer and fasting*
- 6** *They were commissioned by the church*

- 1 In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.
- 2 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
- 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and send them off.