



## *Ready Or Not, Here I Come!*

Acts 13:1 – 14:28

Series: Acts, #17

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Theme: **Faithful believers are ready for ministry.**

### **Being ready for ministry.**

1. Worship and work together. (13:1-2)
2. Rely on God to work. (13:2)
3. Obey God's directions. (13:3)

### **An example of ministry flowing from being ready.**

#### *Paul's First Missionary Journey*

1. The work in Cyprus. (13:4-12)
2. The work in Galatia. (14:26-28)
3. The return to Antioch. (14:26-28)

### **Some practical lessons for our ministry.**

1. Recognize and confront falsehood. (13:4-12)
2. Accept disappointments and keep going. (13:13)
3. Be ready for reception and rejection of the gospel. (13:13-52)
4. Be prepared for danger. (13:45, 50-51; 14:2, 5, 19-20)
5. Do a thorough job. (14:21-25)
6. Be accountable. (14:26-28)

## **In My Life This Week**

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Ready or not, God provides us opportunities for service. Read 13:1-3 and review the outline and your notes on the three aspects of being ready for ministry we see here. Are you ready for ministry today? Make sure you are living these three principles.

**Tuesday.** 13:4–14:28 record what is usually called Paul's first missionary journey. This phase of his work was probably at least two years long, and perhaps as long as four years. As you review the positive and negative results, note that all of it ties back to the church at Antioch being ready for ministry. Trace some of the examples in your own life of ministry because you were ready to serve God.

**Wednesday.** On Sunday we noted six practical lessons for our ministry from these two chapters. Today focus on the first three (check the outline) which involve confronting falsehood, facing disappointments and being ready for a wide range of responses to the gospel. Pinpoint where you can grow, and some steps to do that.

**Thursday.** Today focus on the last three lessons for ministry. Are you prepared for dangers in your spiritual service and warfare? Do you do a thorough job of the tasks and responsibilities you have of serving Christ? Are you accountable to others? What are you going to do to improve where that is needed?

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at 15:1-35. Review and think through this section in preparation for our time together.