

**Paul's Second Missionary Journey—A Strained Beginning (Spring 49)**

Acts 15:36–41

36 After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are."  
37 Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also.  
38 But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.  
39 And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.  
40 But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.  
41 And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

**Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Return to the Galatian Churches (Summer 49)**

Acts 16:1–5

1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,  
2 and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium.  
3 Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.  
4 Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe.  
5 So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.

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