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God’s transforming work can best be seen in those who share a relationship with Him. All Christians live as a “sent” people. Each one is sent into the world to lift up Jesus.

Being sent means:

- Living our lives under God’s authority: Through prayer, study, worship, and fasting the church in Antioch placed itself under God’s control. Saul and Barnabas are set apart to do the work God calls them to do.
- We move by the power of God: Paul and Barnabas move at the command of God. Their time, living arrangements, and location are all directed by the will of God. They do not rely on their own power to accomplish their mission.
- We follow God’s vision: At Salamis, Paul and Barnabas begin to proclaim the word of God. It is God’s vision that every person hear the message of Jesus.

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In verses 6-8, Elymus holds up a standard that is not Jesus. Paul holds up the true authority and calls both the sorcerer and the proconsul to a life of surrender with Christ as Lord.

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In verses 9-11 Paul moves in God’s power to show the proconsul the truth of Elymas’ claim. Just as Elymas is hiding the truth, God hides sight from Elymas.

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In verse 12, the proconsul sees the truth of God’s power and believes. He has heard the message and sees the way God wants to work in his life.

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How do we see the three characteristics of a sent person being lived out in Pisidian Antioch?

- **Authority:** In verse 39, Paul lifts up Jesus as the authority for life and godliness. The Law of Moses is no longer the authority-we live under the authority of Christ.
- **Power:** In verses 38, we see the power of God to forgive sins.
- **Vision:** In verses 42-43 the people see Jesus in Paul and Barnabas. They seek to be taught more about Jesus because Paul and Barnabas hold up Jesus in front of them over and over.