

went up to Jerusalem and they had there in Jerus. the meeting which we speak of as the Apostolic Council. But then they returned and they were going out to start on this next missionary journey, and in vs. 36 we read, And some days after Pa-ul said to Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we preached the Word of the Lord and see how they do. And Barnabas determined to take with them John whose surname was Mark, but Paul thought not good to take him with them who departed from ~~the~~ Pamphilia and went not with them to the work." Just how early in the missionary journey Mk. left them, how he came to we don't know. But Paul very clearly felt that Mk. had proven himself unworthy by turning back in that way. And we read the contention was so sharp among them they departed assunder, one from the other. And so Barnabas took Mk. and sailed to Cyprus and Paul chose ~~Siaz~~ Silias and departed. So Mk. was rejected by Paul because he had left them from Pamphilia and failed to go on with the work. And when they were there in Lystra and Paul was stoned you remember and barely escaped with his life, evidently Mk. was not there. Mk. had deserted them. And Mk.'s story might well have been a story like that of Demas had it not been for Barnabas' personal conviction that in the case of Mk. this was only a temporary weakness. This was perhaps an immaturity. This was perhaps a failure to be ready yet for the work. Or perhaps there was a lack of faith/which Barnabas felt that Mk. had repented and now would go on and would do better. Paul did not see the probabilities there. He felt, and felt so strongly that he actually split with Barnabas rather than to take Mk. with them. But later on as you notice Paul refers to Mk. as one of their companions. And in 2 Tim. 4:11, Paul said, Only Lk. is with me. Take Mk. and bring thee for he is profitable to me for the ministry. Here we have a man who failed == Demas. And we have no evidence that he came back. He failed because he loved this present world. Here we have Mk. who failed. The reason we don't know. But he did come back and Paul said he was profitable to him for the ministry. What a contrast between these two men -- Demas and Mark. I'm going to make No. 3

3. The Danger of Turning Aside. It is something that I believe the Lord wants us always to have in mind. The danger of turning aside.