

Reporter 1: Paul and Barnabas I am so excited to meet you! Can you tell me what you did before becoming missionaries?

Paul: I'm ashamed to admit it, but my name was Saul and I hated Christians.

Reporter 2: Are you the same Saul who arrested and beat Christians?

Paul: Yes, I am....

Barnabas: Of course he is! It was very difficult for believers in Jerusalem to imagine Paul as a Christian. At first they thought it was a trick. And until I was sure he wasn't the same as before, I didn't take him to see the other Christians.

Reporter 1: How did you become missionaries?

Paul: Through God's command!

Reporter 2: What do you mean?

Paul: Let me explain. We were in Antioch worshipping with other believers when the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Barnabas: There were many preachers and teachers in Antioch who laid their hands on us, prayed for us, and sent us out to share the gospel.

Reporter 2: You were called "special agents?"

Paul: I guess you could say that.

Barnabas: But that doesn't mean we're more important than other believers. God has given us all special assignments.

