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Missing It
Acts 13:16-40

Have you ever missed something really big in life?

- Lack of planning –
- Mistaken priorities –
- Can't do everything –

Making Sure You Don't Miss God's Big Thing:

I. Missing the _____ of a relationship with God.

Acts 13:16-19 *Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it. 18 For a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness. 19 When He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land as an inheritance-- all of which took about four hundred and fifty years."*

II. Missing the _____ for our lives.

Acts 13:20-25 *"After these things He gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.' 23 From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, 24 after John had proclaimed before His coming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And while John was completing his course, he kept saying, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, one is coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'*

III. Missing the _____.

Acts 13:26-31 *"Brethren, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. 27 For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. 28 And though they found no ground for putting Him to death, they asked Pilate that He be executed. 29 When they had carried out all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb. 30 But God raised Him from the dead; 31 and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people."*

IV. Don't miss God's next big thing.

Acts 13:38-40 *"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses. 40 Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you."*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have you missed out on something big in life? Spiritual life?
2. What keeps you from moving into the "Promised Land" of your relationship with Christ? What would the "Promised Land" of your relationship with God look like?
3. Where do you feel God calling you to take a step forward toward God's next big thing? New Spiritual discipline (prayer, serving, study, giving)? New vocation? New attitude? New reliance on the Spirit?

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