

## **SCCC – FULL OF THE SPIRIT AND .....**

### **S - Scriptures**

“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 13: 52

### **C – Consideration**

Paul and Barnabas were sent by the Holy Spirit, over a year serving in the church of Antioch. They traveled proclaiming the good news to Jews in the local synagogues, and as some of them rejected the message they turned to the gentiles, and a great number became believers. “And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout the entire region. But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium.” The next verse after, tells us that they were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

### **C – Commitment**

What called my attention in the narrative is that Paul and Barnabas were not just full of joy, but they were full of both: the Holy Spirit and Joy. A few chapters before, we read about the apostles telling the church: “seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. (6: 3) Again, it was not just full of wisdom, but both: of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. As they looked for the candidates, among the seven, “they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit.” (6: 5). This man was not just full of faith, but full of the Holy Spirit and faith. The Scripture says that every Christian is a temple of the Holy Spirit, but not every Christian is full of the Holy Spirit. It might be that I could be full of faith, wisdom, and joy (which are all divine gifts and fruit), but I might not be full of the Spirit.

### **C – Call**

My God, I pray for provision of wisdom, faith, and joy, but above all, that I might be a man full of the Holy Spirit. I pray that like Stephen, Paul, Barnabas, and thousands of followers, and I would have boldness and love to proclaim the gospel to the nations. I pray also, that my brethren in the world would be full of the Spirit as well, therefore, the word would reach out to the ends of the earth, and so, You could send Jesus to bring us home sooner. In His name, I pray. Amen.