

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series

Acts of the Apostles

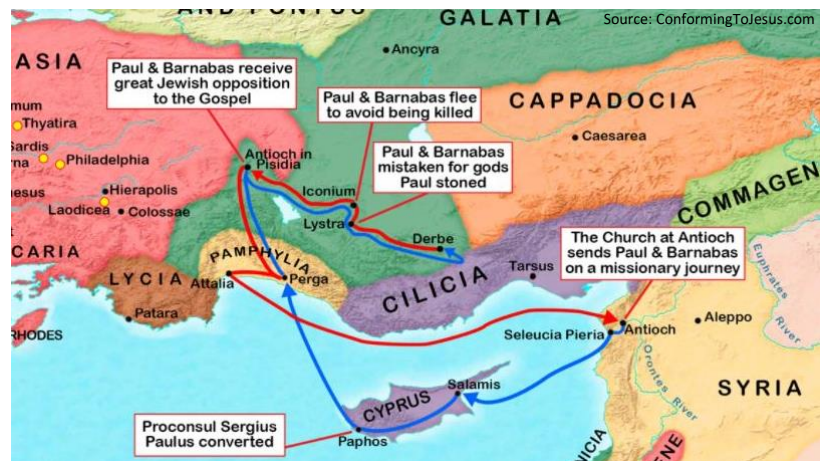
"Persecuted and Persevered"

Acts 14:19-28

[19] Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. [20] However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. [21] And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, [22] strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." [23] So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. [24] And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. [25] Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. [26] From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. [27] Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. [28] So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

Notes: Persevering Persecution

1. Prayer
2. Power of the Holy Spirit
3. Patience



Discussion Questions:

1. In vv.19 it states that the Jews came from Antioch and Iconium.
 - How did these Jews treat Paul back in Acts 14:5-6, and why would they continue to pursue him outside their own region?
 - How could they have easily persuaded the multitudes to stone Paul when they just previously wanted to worship Paul and Barnabas as gods?
2. What could possibly be the reason for going back into the city after just being stoned?
3. What is ironic about Acts 7:58-8:1 and these verses?
4. What does "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God" mean? As a true disciple of Jesus Christ is persecution inevitable? Do you or have you ever avoided persecution?
5. Paul and Barnabas obviously had many enemies on their first missionary journey and yet they also had many disciples. Are you willing to risk having enemies to further the kingdom?
6. Read vv.27. What could you *report back to your church of all that God had done with you at your current mission field?*