

“WRAPPING UP A MEMORABLE TRIP”

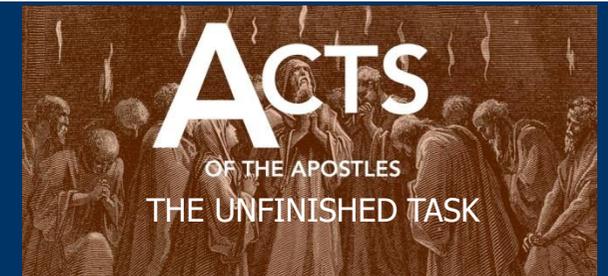
(Acts 14:21-28)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 32

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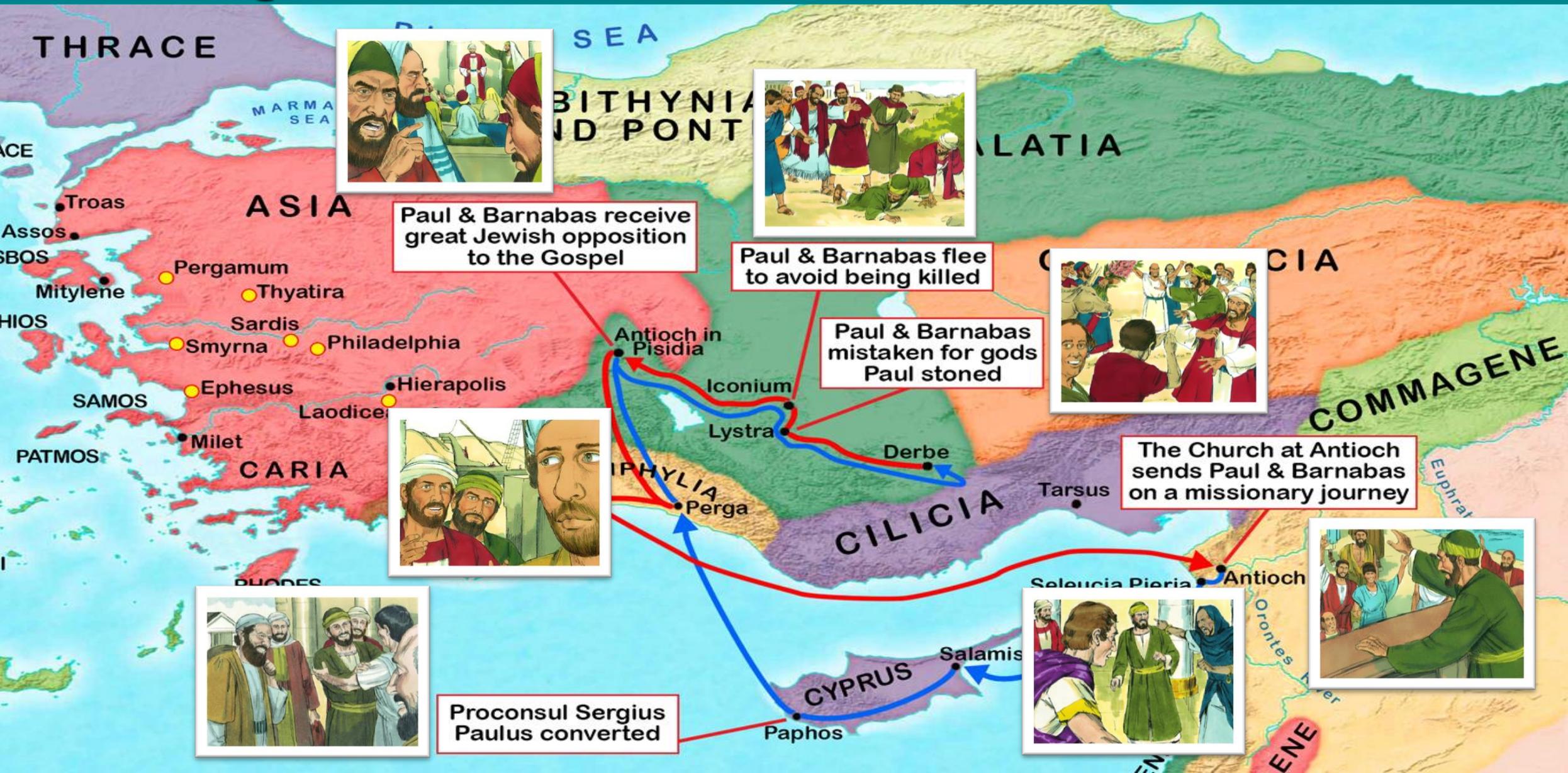


INTRODUCTION:

Happy Reunion



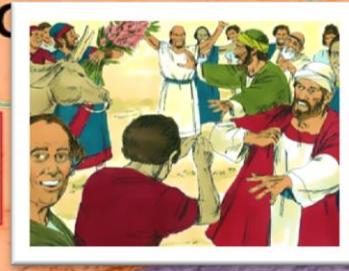
I. A QUICK REVIEW



Paul & Barnabas receive great Jewish opposition to the Gospel

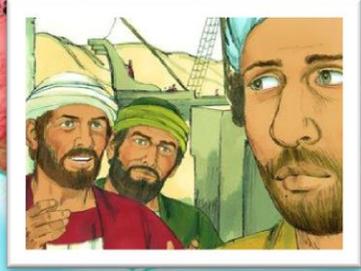


Paul & Barnabas flee to avoid being killed

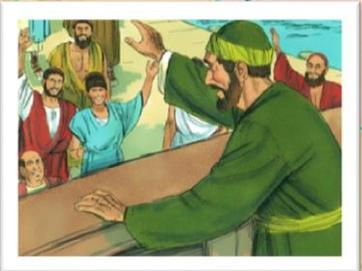
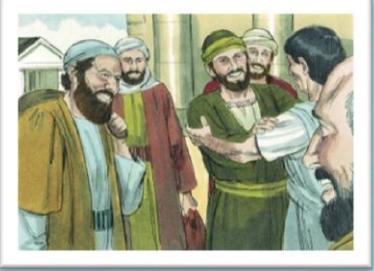


Paul & Barnabas mistaken for gods Paul stoned

The Church at Antioch sends Paul & Barnabas on a missionary journey



Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted

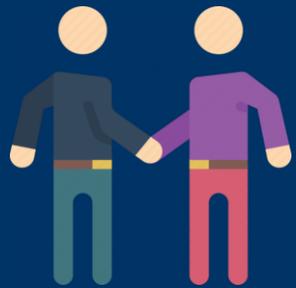


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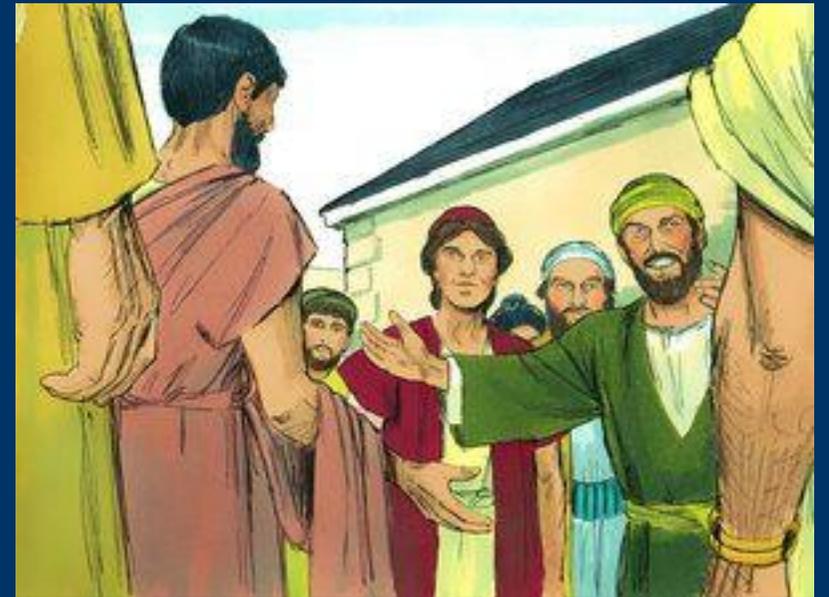


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1) *They Strengthened Their Souls*

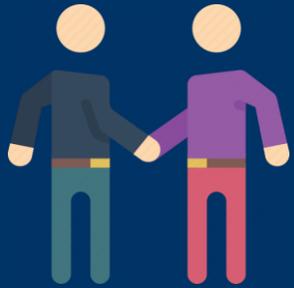


Acts 14:21b Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ^{22a} **strengthening the disciples.**

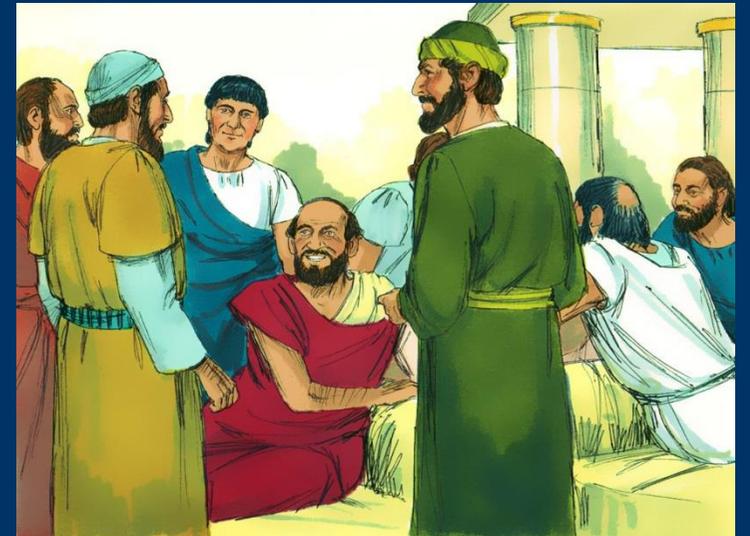


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2) *They Encouraged Them to Persevere Realistically*

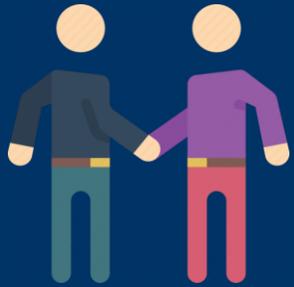


Acts 14:22b and **encouraging them to remain true to the faith.** "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,"

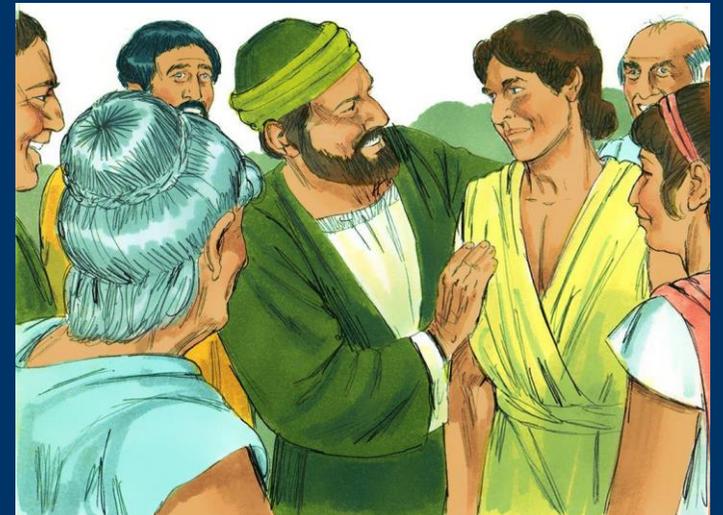


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3) *They Gave Assistance in the Realm of Organization*



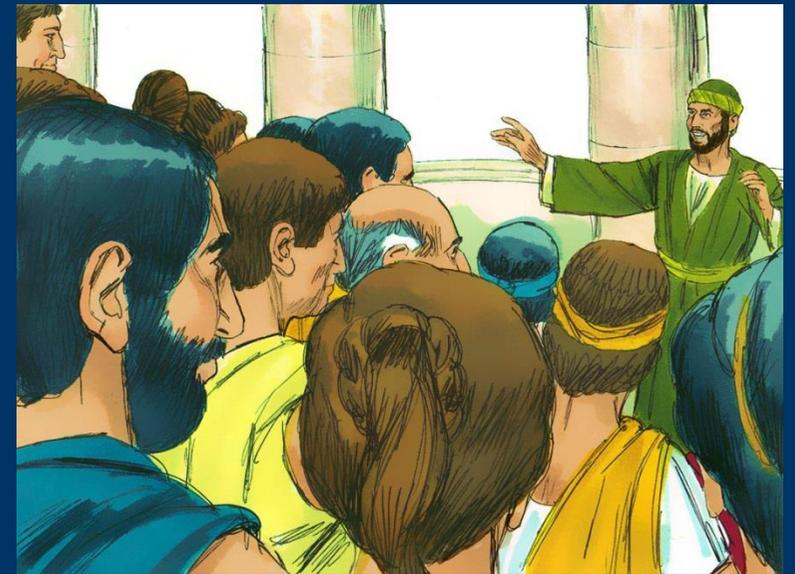
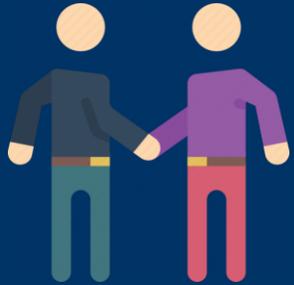
Acts 14:23 appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting



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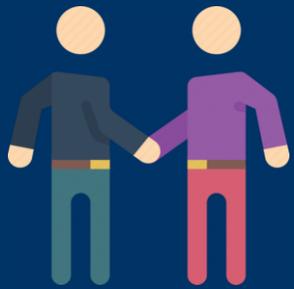
4) *They Entrusted Them to the Lord*

Acts 14:23b They **committed them to the Lord**, in whom they had put their trust."

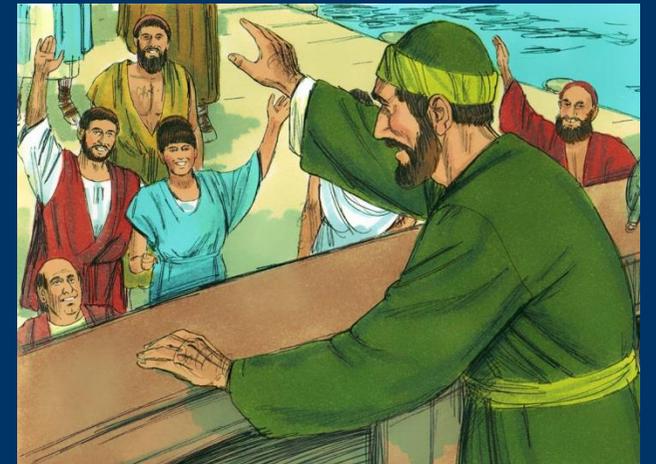


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5) *They Finished What They Set Out to Accomplish*



Acts 14:24 After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, ²⁵ and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. ²⁶ From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been **committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.**

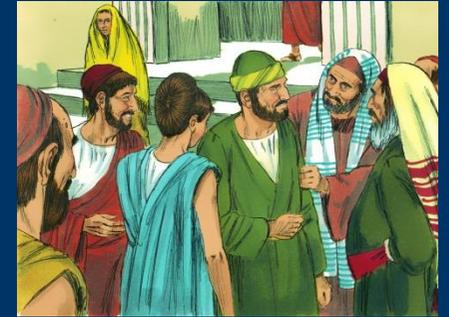


III. AN EXCITING REPORT

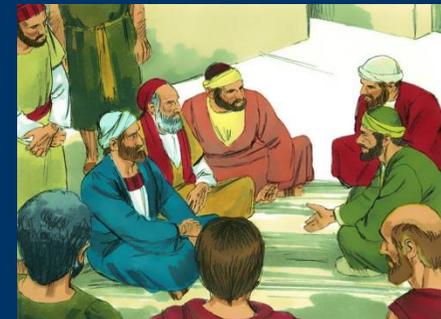


Acts 14:27 On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

A) They emphasize what God has done.



B) They announce how the Gentiles have believed.

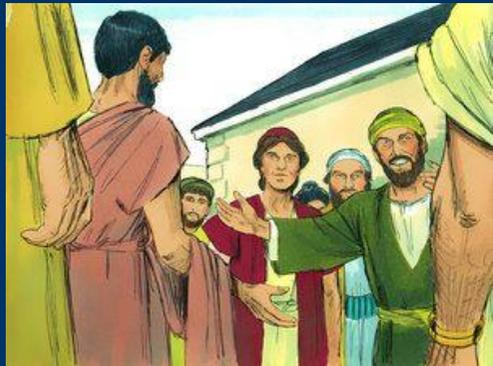


CONCLUSION:



Paul and Barnabas examples provide several lessons for us as we face the strains and pains of our own ups and downs.

A. It is at the end of a difficult experience that God reveals the benefits.



1 Pet. 5:10 *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

B. Sometimes the effects of sin obstruct the blessing of God.



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was it like to reunite with someone you love after a long separation?*
- 2. Can you recall some ups and downs of Paul and Barnabas first mission trip?*
- 3. How does Paul help strengthen the churches he revisited on his way back to Antioch?*
- 4. What did Paul and Barnabas report to the believers in Antioch?*



Scripture References:

Acts 14:21-28