

# “NECK DEEP IN GREECE”

*(Acts 17:1-15)*

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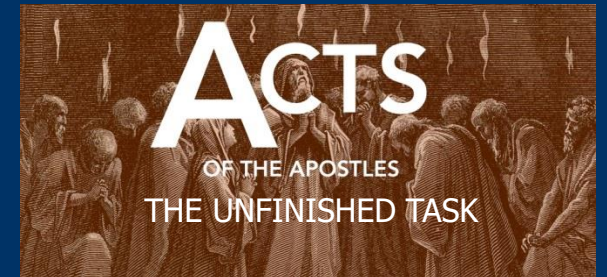
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*Speaker: Rev. Bobby Lam*

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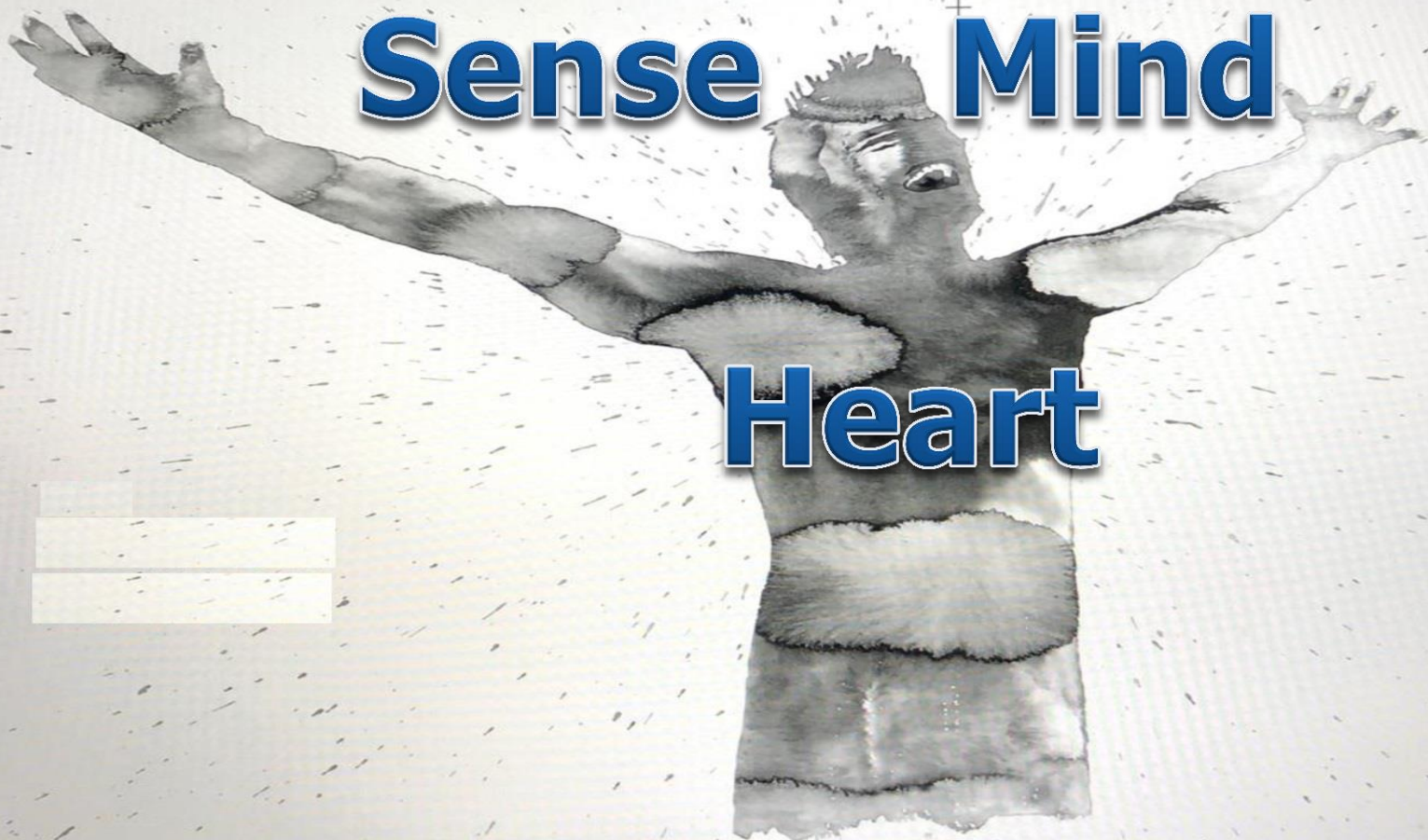


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# FULLY ALIVE

Sense + Mind

Heart



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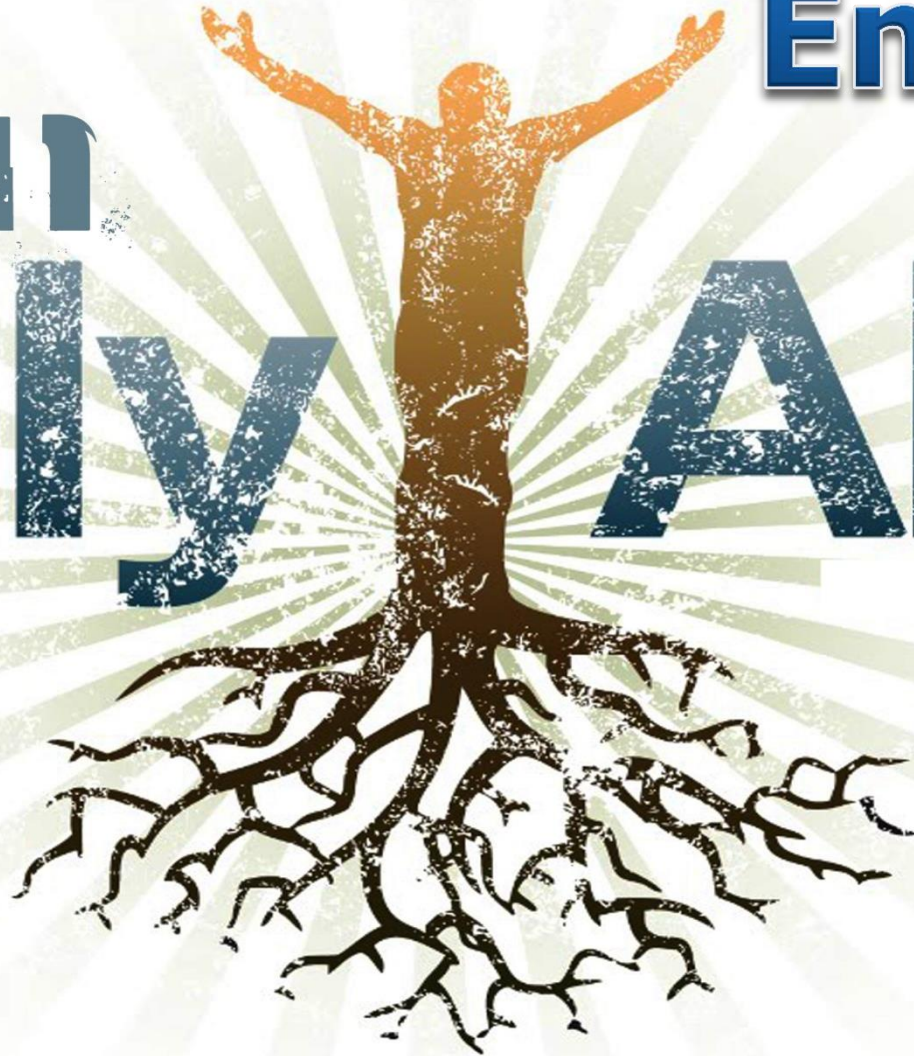
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HUMAN  
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ALIVE

*A New Life through a New Vision*



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**Fully**



**Enthusiasm**

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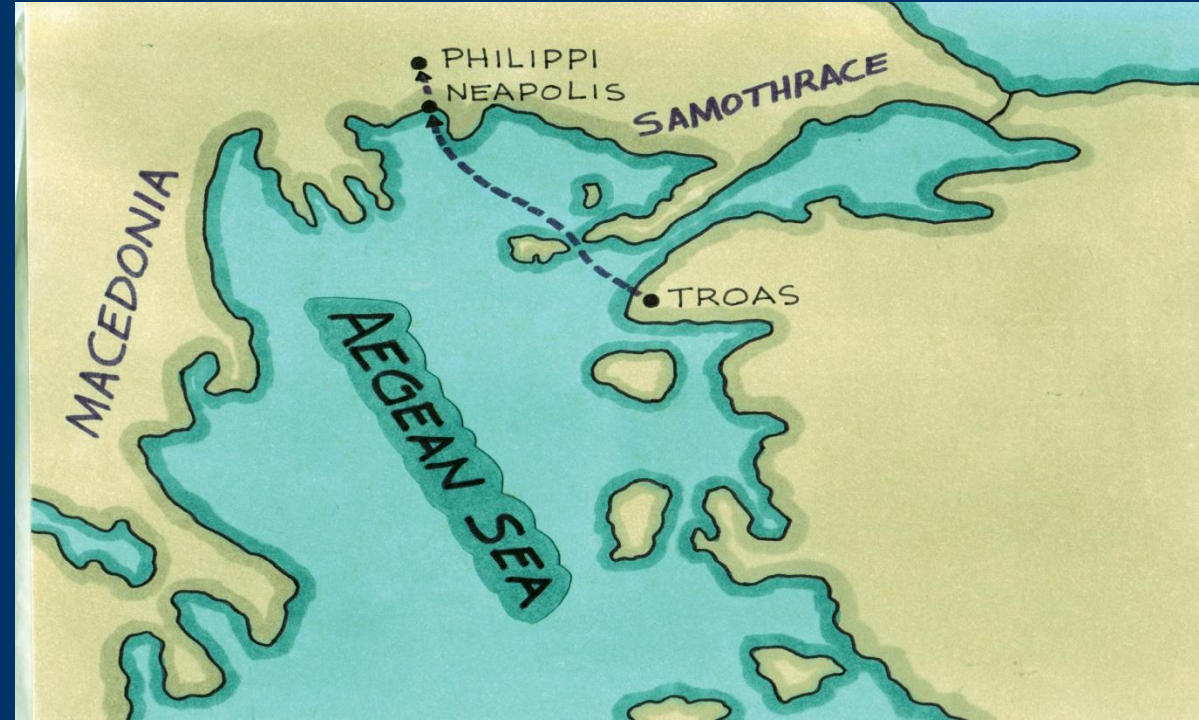
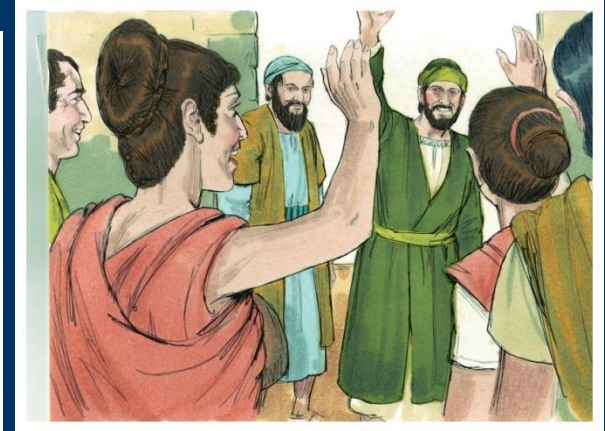
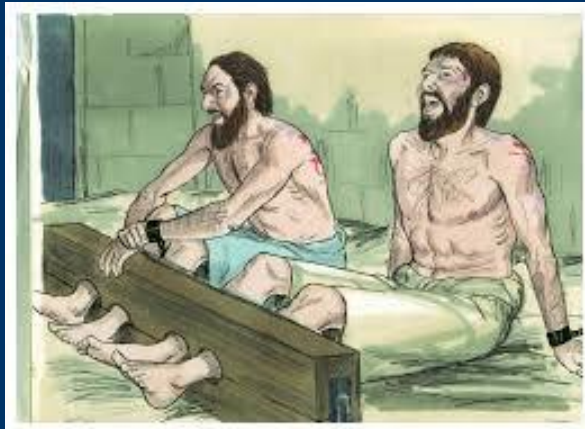
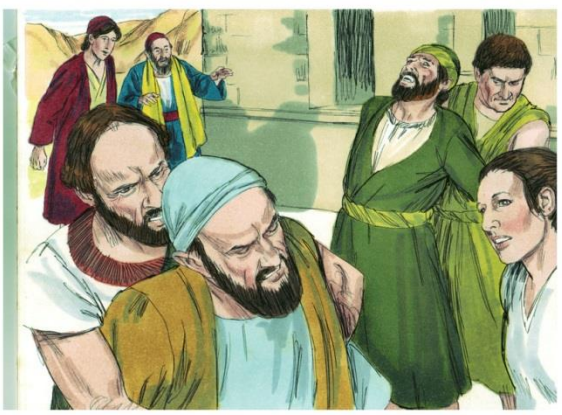
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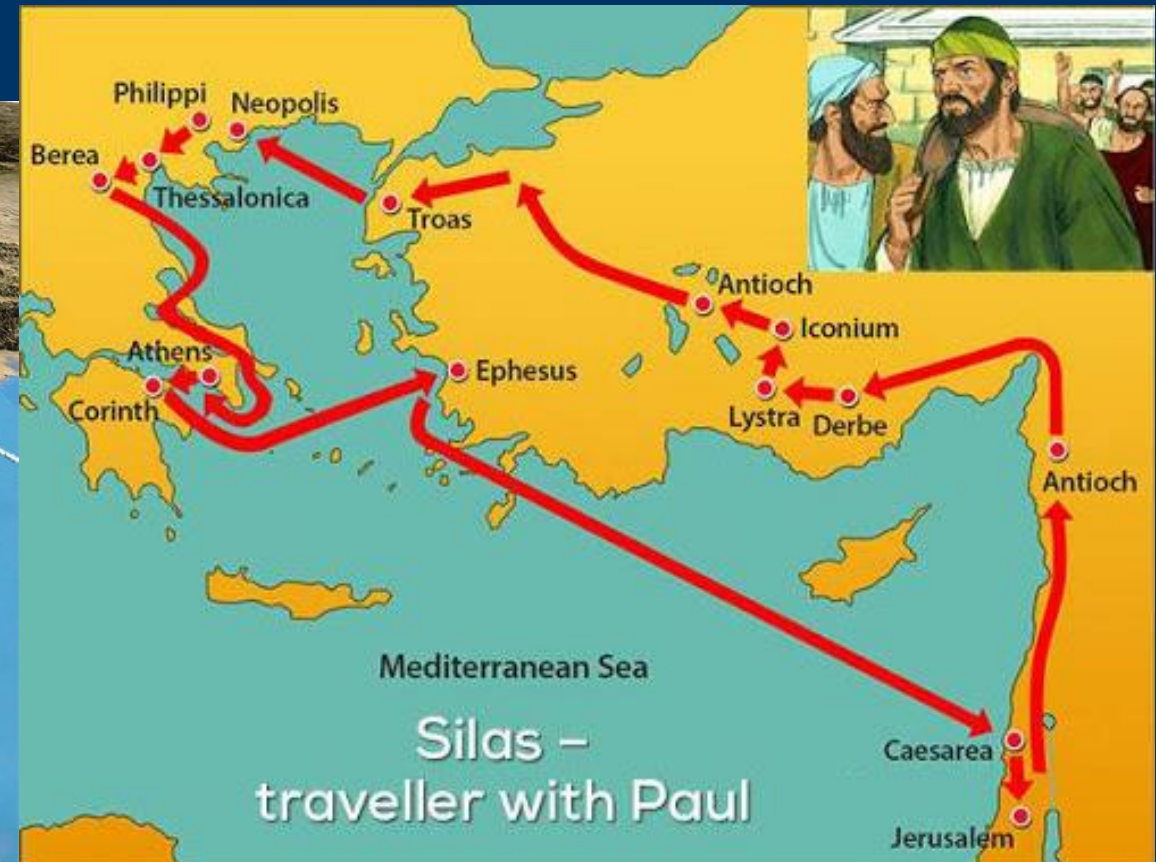
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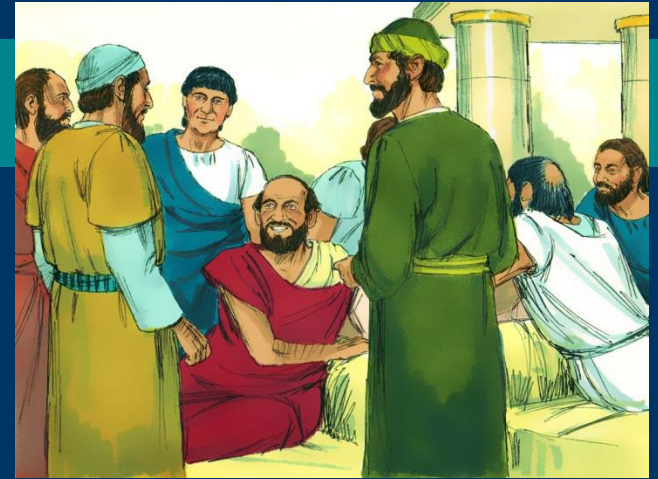


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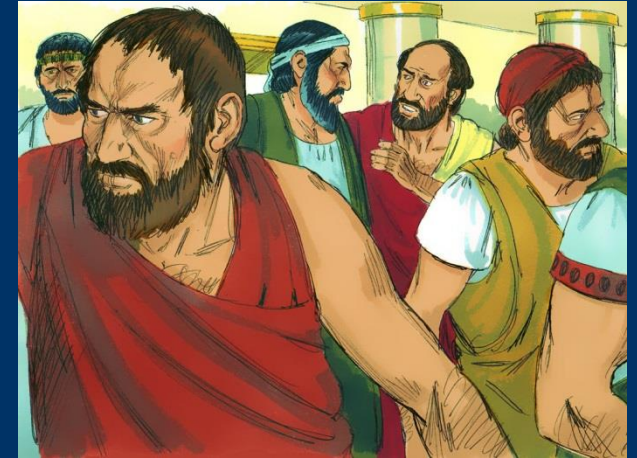
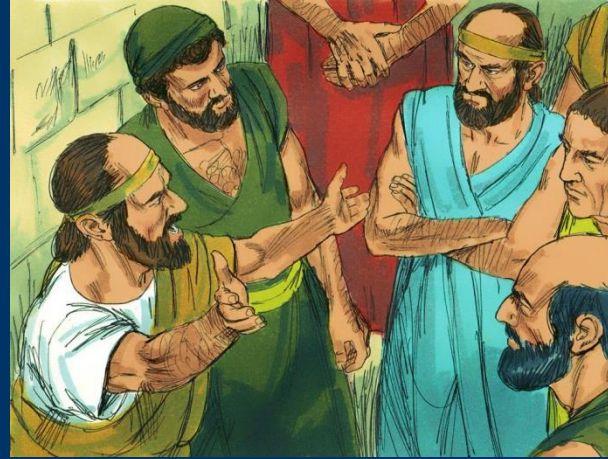
*Acts 17:4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.*

- 1) What influences one person may not convince the next.*
- 2) To focus our witnessing on Christ.*
- 3) To persuade nonbelievers to trust Him.*



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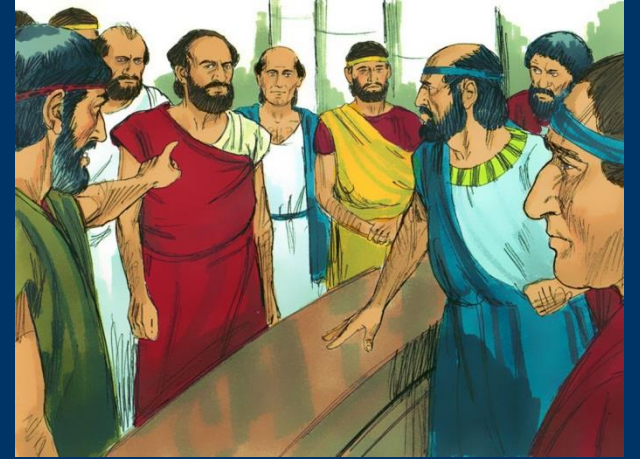
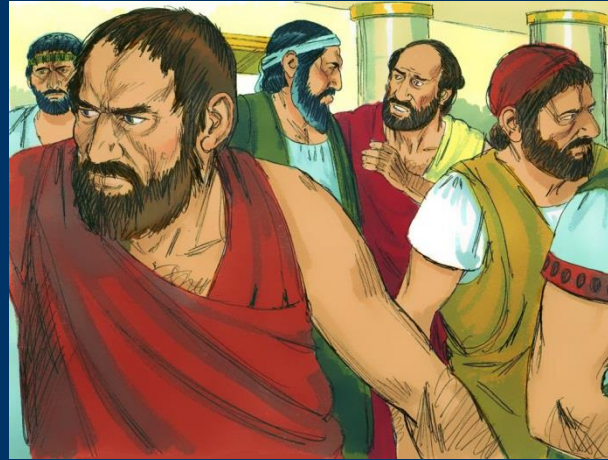
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**Acts 17:5** *But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.*

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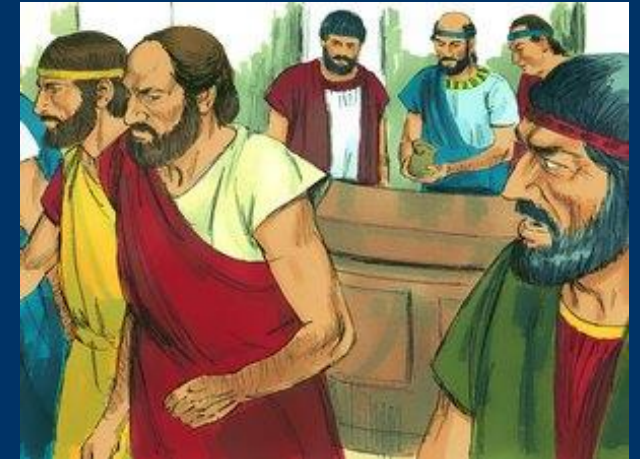
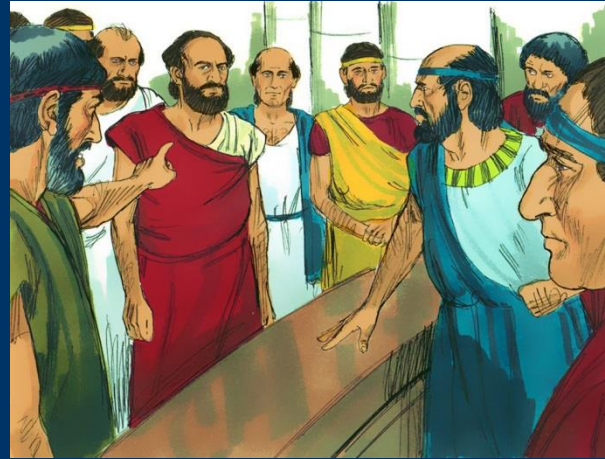


**Acts 17:6b** *they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, **7a** and Jason has welcomed them into his house.*



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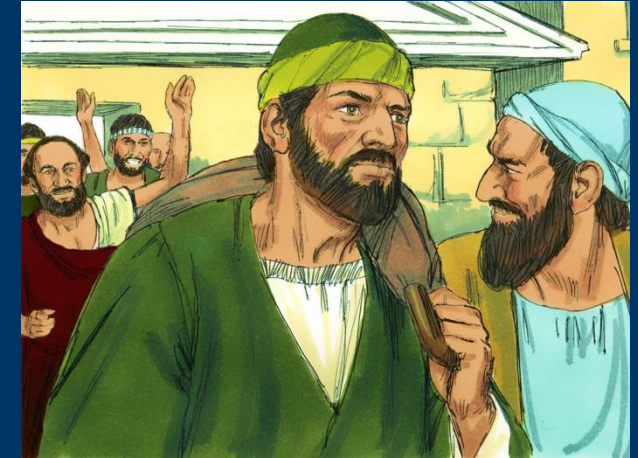
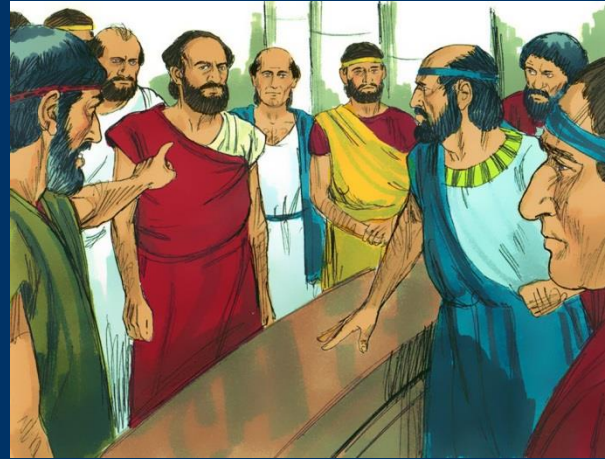
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**Acts 17:7b** *They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."* **8** *When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil.*

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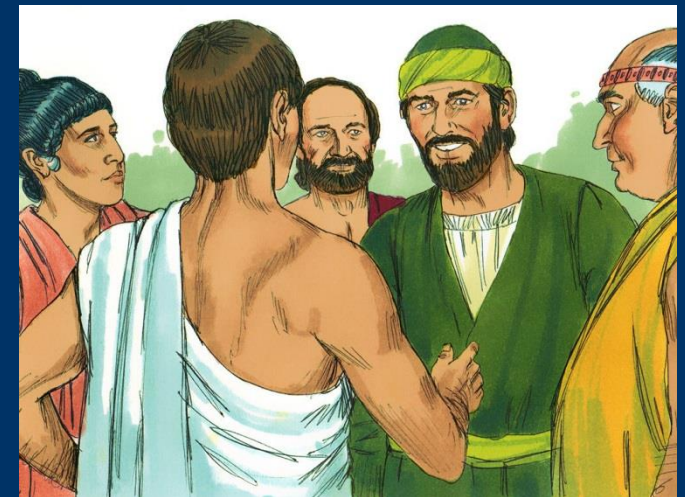
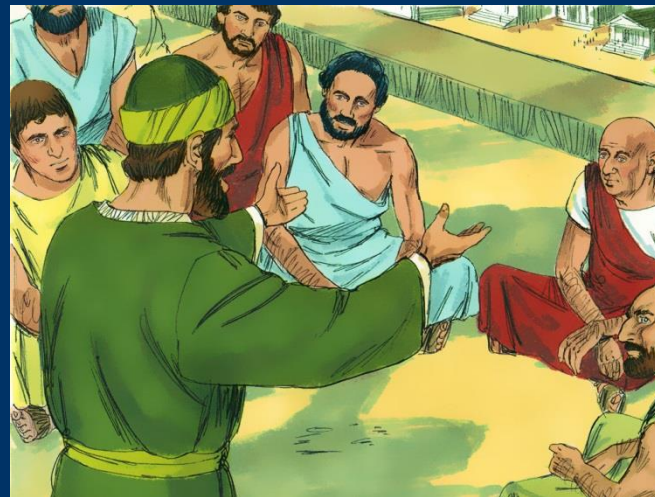


**Acts 17:9** *Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. **10** As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea.*



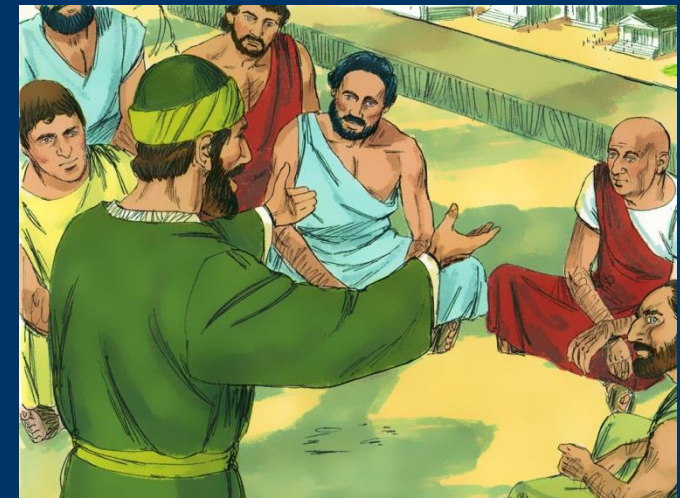
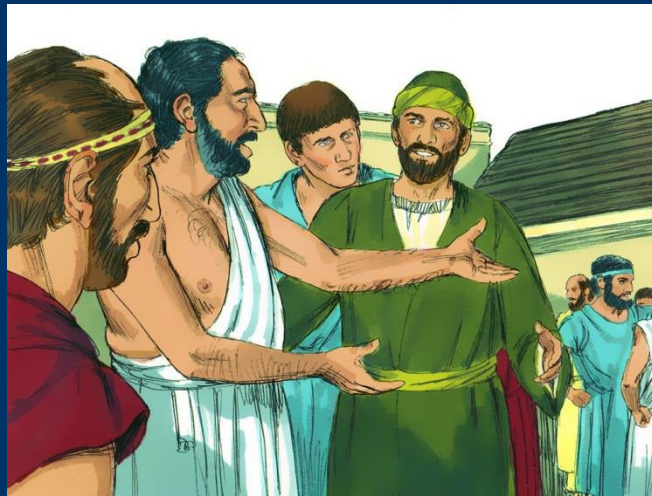
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*Acts 17:11b* for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. <sup>12</sup> As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.



### III. MINISTRY IN BEREA

**Acts 17:13** *But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up.*

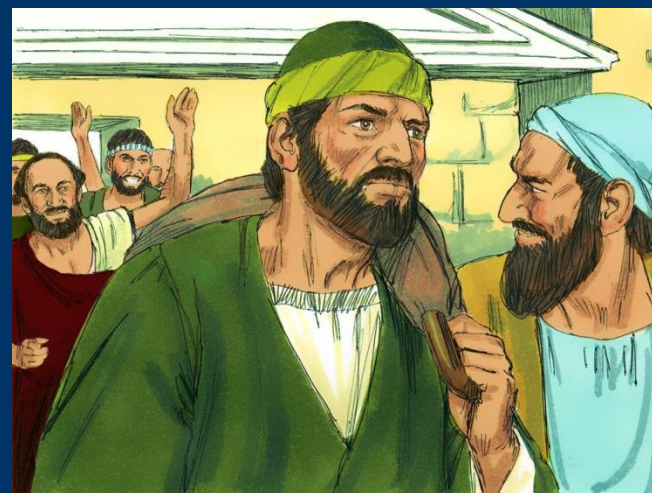
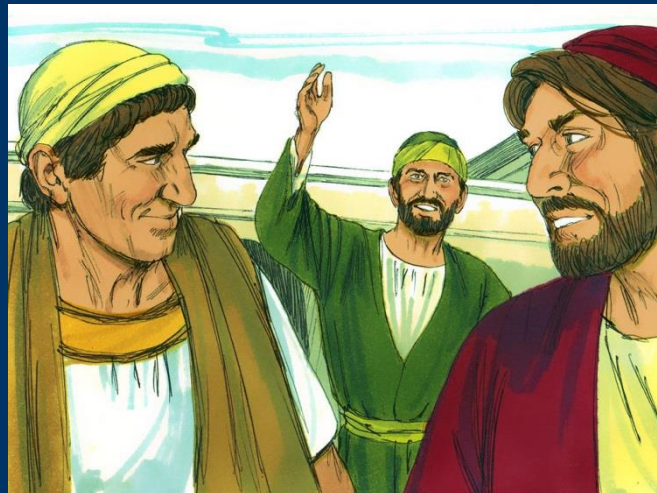




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**Acts 17:14** *The believers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea.*

**15** *Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.*

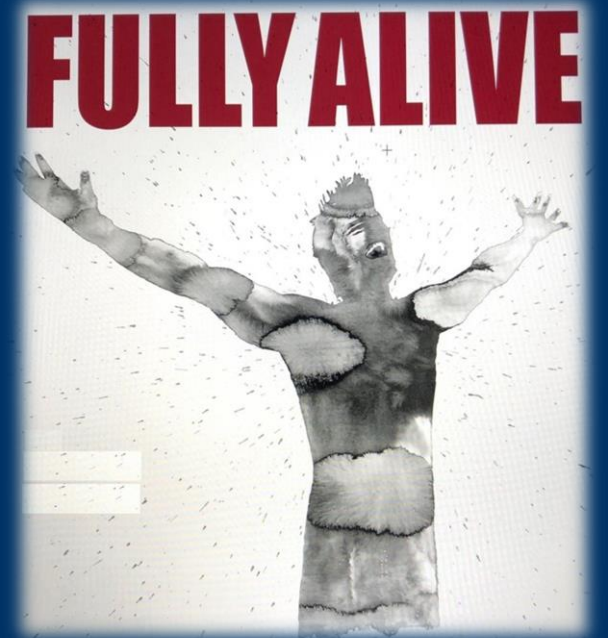


# CONCLUSION:



If you desire to live life to the fullest like Paul, here is a little pre-storm advice based on Paul's journey.

- A. Remember that determination is at the heart of any accomplishment.***
- B. Rejection is to be expected when truth is declared.***
- C. Appreciation is seldom expressed at the right time.***







# CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Is it possible for a person to be alive and yet dead at the same time? What are some signs of a living dead?*
- 2. Can you recall some events that transpire between their journeys from Philippi to Thessalonica?*
- 3. What are some responds and opposition they faced in Thessalonica?*
- 4. Why does the Jew in that city of Thessalonica reject Paul's message?*
- 5. How did the people in Berea respond to the message from Paul? What did they do before accepting the message?*



*Scripture References:*

*Acts 17:1-15*