

ACTS 14 vs 1

The previous chapter ended saying: And when the Gentiles heard this good news, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: And the message of the Lord spread through all the region. But some Jewish people stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

And what was the response of Paul and Barnabas? They shook off the dust of their feet -- against them, and continued to Iconium. They were filled with joy, and with the Holy Spirit.

The first missionary journey continues,

¹ And it happened in Iconium, that they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and so spoke, that a great multitude believed, both Jews and Greeks.

² But unbelieving Jews stirred up the minds of the Gentiles, and embittered them against the brothers.

³ So, they spent a long time there speaking boldly, relying on the Lord, who gave testimony to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders be done by their hands.

⁴ But the city crowd was divided: and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

⁵ And when an assault was made by both Gentiles and Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and stone them,

⁶ they became aware of it, and fled to the cities of Lycaonia: Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region:

⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

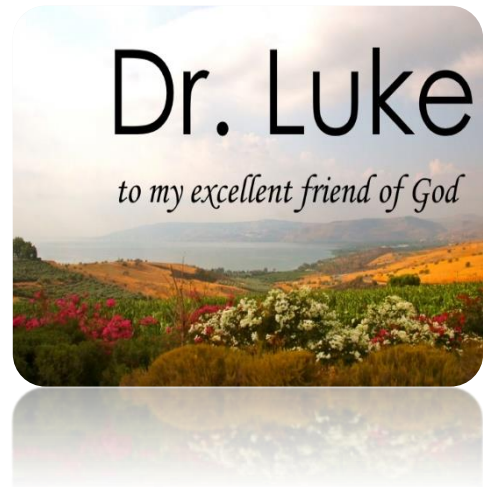
⁸ And at Lystra, there sat a certain man, without strength in his feet, being crippled from his mother's womb, who had never walked:

⁹ This man was listening to Paul speak: who fixed his gaze on him, perceiving he had faith to be healed,

¹⁰ and said with a loud voice, Stand up on your feet. And he leaped up and walked.

¹¹ And when the crowd saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the language of Lycaonia, The gods in the likeness of men have come down to us.

¹² And they called Barnabas, Zeus; and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.



¹³ Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowd.

¹⁴ But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard it, they tore their robes, and rushed among the crowd, crying out,

¹⁵ and saying, Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men with the same desires as you, and preach to you **that you would turn from these vain things to the living God, who made heaven and earth, and the sea, and that is in them:**

¹⁶ Who in the generations past **permitted all the nations to go their own way.**

¹⁷ Even so He did not leave Himself without a witness, in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

¹⁸ And saying this, with difficulty they restrained the crowd, from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ And there came some Jews from Antioch and Iconium, and persuading the crowd, they stoned Paul, dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

²⁰ But as the disciples stood around him, he arose, and entered the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

²¹ And after they preached the gospel in that city and made many disciples, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, and encouraging them to continue in the faith, saying, **through many tribulations we will enter the kingdom of God.**

²³ And when they appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, in whom they believed.

²⁴ And they passed through Pisidia, and came into Pamphylia.

²⁵ And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia:

²⁶ and from there sailed to Antioch, where they were commended to the grace of God for the work they had done.

²⁷ And when they arrived, and gathered the church, **they retold all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.**

²⁸ And there they stayed a long time with the disciples.