

Power to Witness in Word and Deed - Part 2

The Book of Acts

Acts 14

Read Acts 14:1–7.

1. Paul and Barnabas have just finished preaching in Pisidian Antioch and have come to the city of Iconium. What pattern do you see repeated here? (vv. 1–2a; for a hint, see 13:14, 45)
2. Why do Paul and Barnabas stay a long time in this city? (vv. 1–3)
3. Read Acts 13:32–33a, 38–39 to get an idea of the message that Paul likely preached in Iconium.
 - a. What is the heart of this message?
 - b. Why is it appropriately called the “message of [God’s] grace” (v. 3)?
4. How do “miraculous signs and wonders” authenticate this message? (v. 3; 2:22; Jn. 3:2)
5. Some still refuse to believe. What do they do? (vv. 2, 4–5; 📖 * Peek ahead to verse 19.)
6. Paul and Barnabas flee to the small and unimportant pagan cities of Lystra and Derbe, and the rural area around them. How do they show that the offer of eternal life extends to these Gentiles? (v. 7)

Read Acts 14:8–18.

7. Skim Acts 3 to read about Peter’s first healing, which is similar to Paul’s first recorded miracle here in chapter 14. Even though these two audiences are completely different, God authenticates the messengers in a very similar way.
 - a. How does he do this? (3:2, 6; 14:8–10)
 - b. How do the people respond? (3:11–12; 14:11–13)
 - c. What do they call the people to do? (3:19; 14:15)

*The 📖 symbol indicates verses for further study.

8. Why are Paul and Barnabas so strongly against the praise of the crowd? (v. 15; 12:21–23; Deut. 4:23–24)

9. Review verses 15–17.

a. How does Paul describe God to this pagan audience?

b. How does Paul describe God’s kindness to them?

c. What kindness did God show *you* even before you believed in Jesus?


Read Acts 14:19–28.

10. What causes the fervor of the crowd to suddenly change? (vv. 18–19a)

What is the result of this change? (v. 19b)

11. What do Paul and Barnabas do in spite of this incident in Lystra? (vv. 20–22)

Why is their response amazing?

12. Why do you think Paul tells the new disciples they “must go through many hardships” (v. 22)? ( Jn. 15:18—16:4)

13. What do Paul and Barnabas do to ensure that these young churches thrive? (vv. 22–23)

14. How does Luke summarize Paul and Barnabas’s first missionary journey? (vv. 26–27)

15. What range of responses to the gospel do you see in this chapter that you can also expect when you share the good news?

How can this encourage you to persevere in the ministry God has called you to?