

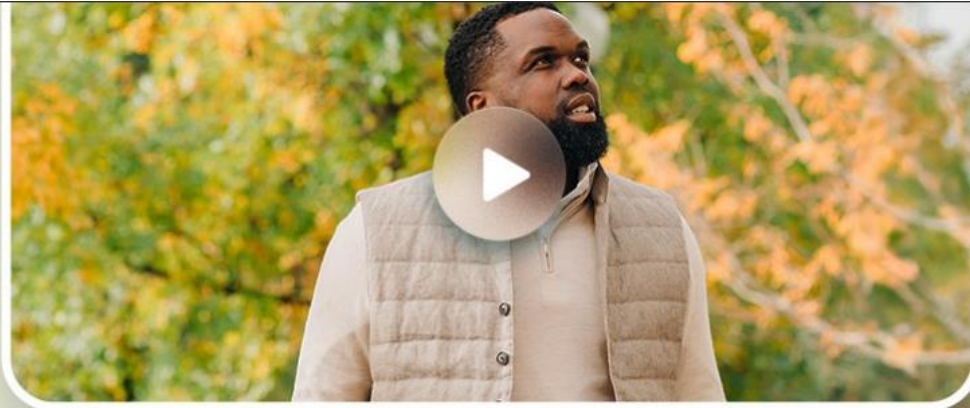
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Bible

12 God's word is alive and working. It is sharper than a sword sharpened on both sides. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined. It cuts to the center of our joints and our bones. And God's word judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.

Hebrews 4:12 (ICB)



Prayer

16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other. Do this so that God can heal you. When a good man prays, great things happen.

James 5:16 (ICB)



Acts Part 32

**“Perseverance in the Face of
Persecution”**



1 In Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a way that a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks. 2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brothers.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



3 Therefore they spent a long time *there* speaking boldly *with reliance* upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be performed by their hands. **4** But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, while others, with the apostles.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to treat them abusively and to 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.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



8 In Lystra a man was sitting whose feet were incapacitated. *He had been disabled from his mother's womb, and had never walked.*

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke. *Paul* looked at him intently and saw that he had faith to be made well, 10 and he said with a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet!” And the man *leaped* up and *began* to walk.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us!" **12** And they *began* calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, since he was the chief speaker.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



13 Moreover, the priest of Zeus, whose *temple* was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard *about it*, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out 15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men, of the same nature as you, preaching the gospel to you, to turn from these useless things to a living God, who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THEM.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



**16 In past generations He permitted all the nations to go their own ways;
17 yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”**

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



18 And *even* by saying these things, *only with* difficulty did they restrain the crowds from offering sacrifices to them.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, thinking that he was dead. 20 But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



21 And after they had preached the gospel to that city and had made a good number of disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "It is through many tribulations *that* we must enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



24 They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been entrusted to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they *began* to report all the things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. **28** And they spent a long time with the disciples.

Acts 14:1-28 (NASB)



