

ACTS CH 14 – PAUL SURVIVES STONING

14:3

- “speaking boldly for the Lord” could also be said as “speaking boldly with reliance upon” OR “speaking boldly, confiding in the Lord.”
- The response of Barnabas and Paul in the face of opposition was not discouragement or apathy; it was reliance upon God for greater boldness to proclaim the gospel. This is the theme of Paul’s life throughout the book of Acts.

What do to and know when you experience loss and suffering:

- **Reach out to others.** Don’t suffer alone. Be transparent and honest. Let others into your life. “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).
- **Don’t waste it.** 2 Corinthians 1:4, “God comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”
- Joseph Scheumann - *Five truths about Christian Suffering.*
Desiringgod.org

14:9-12

- “Be made well” is literally “to be saved”. Could also be translated as *delivered, rescued.*
- Mark 6:56; Matthew 9:20-22

14:16-18 – God permitted the nations to go their own way, yet did not leave himself without witness

- Romans 1:18-25

14:19-23 – Paul is stoned

- When it comes to those who proclaim Christ as Lord, the proof is in the pudding. Paul was a man who not only put his money where his mouth is, but his whole life. So don’t waste yours.
- 2 Corinthians 4:17; 11:23-28; 12:7-10; Romans 8:18; 2 Timothy 3:12

The Christian life is one that flows from Come and follow, to go and die.

- Luke 14:26-27, 21:20-19; Matthew 16:24-28
- John Piper, *Is Christ Worth it?* Desiringgod.org

Alistair Begg asked this question in a message he gave - What do you do with the dash between the dates?

- Start right here, start where you are. What would it look like if your life, your family, your hobbies, your job, your community involvement reflected that of a missionaries?
 - Volunteer at the Family welcome center in El Cajon. It is a C&MA ministry that serves the refugee community in San Diego and is an open door to show Christ’s love to newcomers in our area.
 - Help with our homeless outreach or volunteer at the San Diego rescue mission
 - Commit to go to our next mission trip
 - Internalize the gospel message and the word of God to be ready in and out of season
 - Pray fervently and specifically
 - Give generously, holding no accounts of what has been given
 - Be mentored and become a mentor
- John Piper, *Don’t Waste Your Life.* Available for free at desiringgod.org/books/all
- Marks a true Christian, a proper Christ-like response to life - Romans 12:9-21
- Philippians 1:18-21

My prayer and hope for our church is this: To live lives radically and passionately devoted to Christ above all.