

**Dead Man Walking**  
**Acts 14:19-28**

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**I. The stoning of Paul. Acts 14:19**

The lengths some people go to try to thwart the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord are amazing.

- The Lord only gives us the next step to take in \_\_\_\_\_ as He tells us to trust Him as we take the step.

We are not to worry about what will happen to us; rather, we should learn to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, and that is called faith.

**II. Passed on faith. Acts 14:20-22**

Timothy was from Lystra, so he was probably one of the young disciples Paul had been \_\_\_\_\_ there.

- The welfare of the churches these men had planted was important to Paul and Barnabas, so they traveled back to those cities to \_\_\_\_\_ on them.

*“Two things that are necessary for every Christian to do: To grow in their faith, and to recognize the fact that we \_\_\_\_\_ have trials and tribulations to help us grow.” (Reese)*

**III. Appoint leaders. Acts 14:23-26**

Within each city that Paul and Barnabas visited, many home churches were established, and there was a need for \_\_\_\_\_ of these congregations.

- As the saints are equipped, they will mature and then begin to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ministry, which then **causes growth of the body.**

**IV. Missionary report. Acts 14:27-28**

It was the Lord who opened every door of \_\_\_\_\_ for them. The Gentiles being part of God's plan of salvation was obvious to all who heard how the Lord helped these men.

- As believers, we need encouragement to press on with the work of Christ, even during \_\_\_\_\_. **Philippians 3:13-14**

**V. Practical Application.**

1. This narrative can \_\_\_\_\_ our faith while obeying the Lord.
2. We should be \_\_\_\_\_ by the example of faith, courage, and perseverance from Paul.
3. Like Paul, we can pass on our \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
4. We can grow and \_\_\_\_\_ through trials, knowing trials are in God's hands and they are universal to all Christians.

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Read **Acts 14:19**. Do you believe Paul was dead or just hurt? Which is harder for the Lord, to heal someone or to raise someone back to life?  
**Galatians 6:17, 2 Corinthians 11:25, 2 Corinthians 12:2-5, Jeremiah 32:17, Matthew 19:26**
2. Read **Acts 14:20-22**. What is the significance of Timothy being from Lystra? What example did Timothy receive from Paul?  
**Acts 16:1, 2 Timothy 3:10-15, 1 Timothy 4:12**
3. In the sermon, it was said, "After preaching the Gospel to Derbe, Paul and Barnabas went back to the cities where all of the opposition happened." Does that seem like a wise move to you?  
**Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 3:12-14, 1 Corinthians 2:6-7, 1 Corinthians 1:19**
4. Read **Titus 5:1-9**, and **1 Timothy 3:1-7**. Discuss some of the qualifications of an Elder.  
**Ephesians 4:11-13**
5. Read **Acts 14:23-26**. How did Paul and Barnabas seek the Lord for wisdom while picking Elders for the different churches? Discuss the importance of fasting.  
**Matthew 6:16-18, 1 Samuel 1:1-11**
6. Discuss the four points of the Practical Application of the sermon.  
**Romans 4:17, 2 Timothy 2:2, James 1:2-3, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 1 Peter 1:6-9**