

The Good of a Hard Journey

Acts 14:19-28

How does a good coach help us in pain?
A **faulty** view of the Christian life...

Paul and Barnabas tell people about Jesus

Where	Initial response	Later response	Outcome
Antioch 13:13-52			
Iconium 14:1-7			
Lystra 14:8-20			
Derbe 14:20-21			

Acts 14:19-28

19-20a: Paul was stoned, left for dead, yet returned to the city

Jews from Antioch (perhaps _ days of travel) and Iconium (perhaps _ day of travel) came to _____ Paul & Barnabas
People of Lystra were _____ against Paul
____ action
Perhaps before they felt _____ to sacrifice
Perhaps they felt _____
Returned to the _____

20b-21a: Paul & Barnabas made many _____ in Derbe

Perhaps a 3 day, _____ journey
They kept _____ the Good News!
Many people began the journey of _____ in Christ

21b-25: Paul & Barnabas returned to _____ new believers

Went to the same cities where there was _____
This time: build up the new believers
_____ disciples
_____ remaining faithful to Christ
_____ them: hardships are part of the journey
Appointed _____ to protect and guide them
_____ prayer

26-28: Paul & Barnabas reported _____ _____ to Antioch

Final report to the _____ church that sent them

Message

God did _____ work through them
God opened a door for _____ to be Christians
NOT a focus on _____ or _____

The Big Idea:

The journey of faith in Christ until heaven includes _____ and the blessing of the _____ and _____ of God

Luke 8:13; Romans 5:3-4

Our roots tend not to go _____ until they _____ to!
God uses _____ to help us grow _____ in our knowledge of Him

Application

_____ with hope

Hebrews 12:7
Trust in God as a perfect coach, trainer, mentor, _____
_____ is one of God's tools to cause us to grow deeper _____
We learn to trust that God is working even in the _____

_____ in the work of God

See the work He is doing in us and others in _____
Some of God's top goals:
People coming to _____ God Exodus 7:17
People growing in their _____ of God Exodus 6:7; Romans 8:29

"Be joyful in _____, patient in _____, faithful in _____."

Romans 12:12

Reflection

- When have you seen God use trouble to help people to know Him? What was that like?
- How has God used trouble in your life to help you grow deeper in your knowledge of Him?
- What trouble might God be using now in your life to help you know Him and to help you grow deeper roots in Christ? What good work might God be doing in your life because of these troubles?
- Since God uses trouble to help us grow in Him, how should we live in the midst of our troubles? How should we counsel others as they walk through trouble?