

Courage to Follow, Grace to Stand, pt 3

Acts 14:1-28

Ministry essential: perseverance

Out of Antioch (13:51-52)

Iconium (14:1-7)

Receptivity (14:1,3)

Rejection & Opposition (14:2, 4-6a)

Mission only progresses (14:6-7)

Anger / opposition becomes the springboard of
further proclamation.

Danger: drift; loss of focus

Lystra (14:8-20)

Warning: don't serve the Lord based upon the call of the crowds.

Sharing the gospel always raises issues of contextualization.

Derbe and back in the fire (21-23)

Passing on perseverance (21-22)

Satan is a fruit **thief**

A tough message

Passing **care** forward (23)

First Elders

Commended to the **LORD**

Perga and return to Antioch (24-28)

Ministry on the way

Reporting in Antioch

We need to hear from our **missionaries!**

Caution: don't bleed the turnip dry!

Final lessons from the first journey

Even the strongest and most courageous among us need to be **strengthened** and encouraged.

Never lose sight that it is God who opens the doors, brings response, and remains **sovereign** over opposition.

Success is not simply visible response but Spirit-empowered **faithful** service.

God's servants are about support & service, not power & applause.

Life & ministry demand **perseverance.**