



# WORK OF THE SPIRIT

## Acts Chapter 14

Lesson 11

### FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Share a way you were blessed through the lesson or lecture on Acts 13.
2. As you read Acts 14 take special notice of the holy boldness of Barnabas and Paul. Not only were these men bold to enter the synagogue and preach Jesus, but they were undaunted by persecution. Even the public acclamation and subsequent rejection by the multitude in Lystra could not shake them. Their holy boldness was due to the calling and empowering of the Holy Spirit!

Do you lack boldness? The Holy Spirit will give you boldness as you ask Him to fill you and place you in the path of God's calling. Read the sections below and give a title to each:

- a. Acts 14:1-7
  - b. Acts 14:8-18
  - c. Acts 14:19-22
  - d. Acts 14:23-28
3. Pray for God to fill you with holy boldness this week.

*Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.*

Acts 14:3

**SECOND DAY:** Read Acts 14:1-7

1. Having been *expelled* from Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13:50), Barnabas and Paul came to Iconium, where they *went together to the synagogue of the Jews*. According to Acts 14:1, what happened when they *so spoke*?
  - a. From Acts 14:2 comment on the actions of the *unbelieving Jews*.
  
2. *Therefore* what did Barnabas and Paul do? Acts 14:3a
  - a. What do you find remarkable about this considering their circumstances?
  
  - b. How was the *word* they spoke described? Acts 14:3b
    - (1) What does this say to you about the Gospel?
  
  - c. How did God bear *witness to the word* they proclaimed? Acts 14:3c
  
3. According to Acts 14:4, what was the reaction of *the multitude* to Barnabas and Paul's ministry?
  
4. What did Barnabas and Paul's opponents *attempt*? Acts 14:5
  - a. What did they do when *they became aware of it*? Acts 14:6
    - (1) Link this with 1 Corinthians 10:13 and share your thoughts.
  
5. What did Barnabas and Paul do in Lystra and Derbe? Acts 14:7
  - a. How are they an example to you?

**THIRD DAY:** Read Acts 14:8-18

1. Use Acts 14:8 to describe the man Barnabas and Paul encountered in Lystra.
2. As he was *speaking*, what did Paul observe about this man? Acts 14:9
  - a. How do you think Paul knew this? See also 1 Corinthians 12:8.
3. From Acts 14:10b record the result when Paul loudly told him to *stand up*.
4. Read Acts 14:11-13 and comment on the reaction of the crowd to this miracle.
5. Observe and note Barnabas and Paul's response to the actions of the crowd. Acts 14:14
6. Use Acts 14:15-18 to answer the following:
  - a. What did Barnabas and Paul make clear about themselves? Acts 14:15a
    - (1) Why is it essential to remember this? See also 1 Corinthians 4:7.
  - b. What did they *preach* to these people? Acts 14:15b
  - c. How did Barnabas and Paul describe *the living God*? Acts 14:15c-16
  - d. What *witness* did God leave with mankind? Acts 14:17
    - (1) Paul appealed to the Lystrans based on creation and the natural world. Why is this an effective appeal to use? See also Romans 1:19-20.
  - e. Record the result of Barnabas and Paul's *sayings*. Acts 14:18
7. What impresses you most about Barnabas and Paul's witness?

**FOURTH DAY:** Read Acts 14:19-22

1. According to Acts 14:19a, *Jews from Antioch and Iconium* came to Lystra when Barnabas and Paul were there. What did these Jews persuade the *multitudes* to do? Acts 14:19b
  - a. What do you find interesting about the fact that some of these Jews would have traveled over 100 miles to get to Lystra?
    - (1) Note that the Lystran crowd had formerly worshiped Barnabas and Paul as gods (Acts 14:11-13). What does their sudden change convey to you?
2. Record the events of Acts 14:20.
  - a. Many link this episode with 2 Corinthians 12:2-4. What did Paul say about this experience?
  - b. Observe and note what Paul did after he revived. Acts 14:20b
3. Record and remark on the activity of Barnabas and Paul from Acts 14:21.
4. Use Acts 14:22 to list and comment on what Barnabas and Paul did as they returned to these cities:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
    - (1) Why do you think their exhortation would have been so powerful?

**FIFTH DAY:** Read Acts 14:23–28

1. Use Acts 14:23 to note and comment on the three steps Barnabas and Paul initiated *in every church* they had established:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

(1) Why do you think these were vital steps to take?
2. From Acts 14:24–26a document Barnabas and Paul’s return journey to Antioch.
  - a. Link Acts 13:2–4 with Acts 14:26b to explain their return to Antioch.
3. What did Barnabas and Paul do when they had *gathered the church together*? Acts 14:27–28
  - a. Review Acts Chapters 13 and 14 to write a short testimony of what they might have shared with *the church*.
4. What do you find most extraordinary about this first missionary journey?

**SIXTH DAY: Review**

1. Find the following locations on the map below to highlight and trace Barnabas and Paul's first missionary journey:
  - a. Seleucia (Acts 13:4)
  - b. Salamis (Acts 13:5)
  - c. Paphos (Acts 13:6)
  - d. Perga in Pamphylia (Acts 13:13)
  - e. Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13:14)
  - f. Iconium (Acts 13:51)
  - g. Lystra (Acts 14:6)
  - h. Derbe (Acts 14:20)
  - i. Lystra, Iconium, Antioch (Acts 14:21)
  - j. Perga in Pamphylia (Acts 14:25)
  - k. Attalia (Acts 14:25)
  - l. Antioch (Acts 14:26)



2. How do you see the work of the Holy Spirit in their travels?

*Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying,  
"We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."*

Acts 14:22