Today, Acts 14 outlines Paul and Barnabas's missionary journey through Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, where they faced both success and opposition.

I. **MINISTRY IN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Acts 14:1-7

See the map. Jews and Gentiles worshipped together! V 1

Unbelieving Jews incited Gentiles against them. V 2

Paul and Barnabas stayed for a considerable time, speaking boldly. V 3

A plot arose to stone them to death. V **5**

They fled 20 miles south of Iconium to Lystra and continuing to preach in Derbe, another 60 miles SE of Lystra (Map.) Vs 6-7

**II. MINISTRY IN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Acts 14:8-20

Paul healed a man lame from birth. Vs 8-10

The crowd declared them to be gods! Vs 11-18

Paul and Barnabas vehemently protested, urging them to turn to the true God – for these reasons:

1. **God is the only Creator**. V 15

2. He is the **only true and living God**.

**3. God is patient and forbearing.** The people were walking in their own ways, their ignorance, but now with the truth being preached, they were **accountable**. V 16

4. **God is a God of Providence**. V 17

5. **We are merely human beings!**

Next, Jews from Antioch and Iconium arrived and incited the crowd to stone Paul, who is left for dead. Vs 19-20

**III. MINISTRY IN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Acts 14:20-21

Paul recovered and continued to preach in Derbe.

John Wesley: “*Always look a mob in the face.”*

**IV. THE RETURN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 14:21-23

**V. RETURN TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Acts 14:24-28

**What have we learned today?**

1. Upon arriving to a new town, **the synagogue** was the first place the missionaries visited. The Gospel was “to the Jew first…”

2. As in Antioch, many Jews and Gentiles were converted and began **worshipping together**!

3. When Christians are at work for God, Satan often shows up! **Opposition happens**!

4. The Apostles had the **power of the Holy Spirit**!

5. The trip from “*Hero* to *Zero”* can happen in a nanosecond!

6. **Never accept praise that should go to God**! (Remember what happened to Agrippa I! If you are promoted, like Joseph, Daniel, David, or Mordecai, **let God promote you**!)

7. The work continued, despite opposition!

*Next week: “New Resolve to an Old Conflict”*

*Ans: Iconium; Lystra; Derbe; Journey; Antioch.*