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My Witnesses to the Remotest Part of the Earth

Welcome to Part 2 of the In & Out course on Acts. This study could not be more timely! God makes it clear in His Word what it will be like as these last difficult days draw to a close. And how we, by our holy conduct and godliness, as faithful witnesses no matter the cost, can hasten the day of His coming.

May God use this study to so anchor you in truth that the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ will ever be on your lips so that you, convinced to the depths of your being that there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved, will share it in love without fear, embarrassment, or apology.

It is our prayer that through this study you, fearing God above the fear of mankind, will learn how to hold forth truth under the leadership of God's Holy Spirit in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation . . . no matter the cost.

TAKING IT IN

The year is about A.D. 47.

It's been less than twenty years since Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection—and the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to indwell all who believed Jesus was the promised one, the Messiah.

We have a very young Church with a very great commission—a commission from the Son of God, the Son of Man Himself.

You'll always want to begin your study in prayer. Ask God by His Spirit to teach you His Word so that you might live in a manner that pleases Him . . . and brings His "Well done" when you see Him face-to-face.

1. Let's begin Part 2 of Acts with a review of the essentials of Acts Part 1. Look at Acts 1:8, the key verse for Acts, and tie it in with what has transpired in Acts 1–12.

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- a. List where they were to be witnesses:
- b. So what progress has been made from the time of Acts 1:8? Look up the following and note where the gospel is or has been taken and any parallels between these and Acts 1:8. As you do, locate all the places on the “Map of Israel” at the end of this lesson. For Antioch, see the map “Paul’s Missionary Journeys” in the Appendix.
- 1) Acts 5:27-32
 - 2) Acts 8:1-5
 - 3) Acts 9:31
 - 4) Acts 13:1
- c. Take time now and read the themes of Acts 1–12 on the “Acts at a Glance” chart in the Appendix.

2. Observe Acts 13.
- a. As you do, mark the key words listed below. We suggest you make a **Key Word Bookmark**. List the words you want to mark and then mark them the way you will in the text. Colors and color combinations are the best so that the text doesn't get messy and confusing with a variety of symbols.

On the back cover of this book, you'll find suggested markings for some words used frequently throughout the Bible. You might want to use the inside of the back cover as your Key Word Bookmark. However, to each his or her own. (*That's right—people all over the world in 180 countries and 70 languages are marking key words. It's a great learning device!*) Do whatever it takes to slow you down so you see and hear what God says. Studying like this helps you remember better.

We suggest you mark the following and anything more you want to add. Words with suggested markings on the back cover of the book have an asterisk.

- 1) *Paul* (*Saul* until verse 9)
 - 2) *Barnabas* (After chapter 15, he's no longer mentioned.)
 - 3) *Holy Spirit**
 - 4) *repentance** (in every form)
 - 5) *gospel*, * *good news*
 - 6) references to the resurrection of Jesus
 - 7) *Gentiles* (See *nations**)
 - 8) *believe(d)**
 - 9) geographical locations* such as Jerusalem.
- b. Using one of the three maps in the Appendix titled "Paul's Missionary Journeys," trace his journey in Acts 13.
3. "On the road again"—and where are Paul and Barnabas going? As you begin your observations of Acts 14, review the last two verses of Acts 13. Then as you observe Acts 14, in addition to the words on your Key Word Bookmark, you will want to cover the following:
- a. Add *disciples* to your bookmark and then go back and mark it in verse 52.

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- b. As you move through the text, consult your map, “Paul’s Missionary Journeys,” so you have an idea of where Paul and Barnabas are at any given point in time.
 4. Now that you have finished observing Acts 13 and 14
 - a. record the themes (main events) of these chapters on the “Acts at a Glance” chart in the Appendix.
 - b. There’s a page in the Appendix titled “What Acts Teaches about the Spirit of God.” Look at the references to the Spirit of God that you marked in Acts 13 and 14 and list what you learn. You’ll continue this throughout your study of Acts.
 5. Review what happens in Acts 14:26-28.
 - a. Where are Paul and Barnabas?
 - b. What has just been completed?
 - c. Now, using the map you used for Acts 13, trace where Paul and Barnabas went in Acts 14.

LIVING
IT OUT

1. And what can we apply?
 - a. Who is to hear the gospel first according to Romans 1:16 . . . and how would you witness to them if they were orthodox in their faith . . . or would you not witness to them at all because of who they are?

 - b. What other group of people is mentioned in these chapters in Acts—and which of the two are you? And what do you believe about Jesus?

 - c. Are you a witness? Why or why not . . . and if you are a witness, how do you witness? What motivates you . . . and the direction of your witness?



ACTS 13

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

NOW there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

- 2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
- 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
- 5 When they reached Salamis, they *began* to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper.
- 6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus,
- 7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.
- 8 But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.
- 9 But Saul, who was also *known as* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him,
- 10 and said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?”
- 11 “Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time.” And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

- 12 Then the proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.
- 13 Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.
- 14 But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.
- 15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, “Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.”
- 16 Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said,
“Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:
- 17 “The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it.
- 18 “For a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness.
- 19 “When He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land as an inheritance—*all of which took* about four hundred and fifty years.
- 20 “After these things He gave *them* judges until Samuel the prophet.
- 21 “Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.
- 22 “After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.’
- 23 “From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,
- 24 after John had proclaimed before His coming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.
- 25 “And while John was completing his course, he kept saying, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not *He*. But behold, one is coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

- 26 “Brethren, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among you who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.
- 27 “For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled *these* by condemning *Him*.
- 28 “And though they found no ground for *putting Him to* death, they asked Pilate that He be executed.
- 29 “When they had carried out all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb.
- 30 “But God raised Him from the dead;
- 31 and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people.
- 32 “And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,
- 33 that God has fulfilled this *promise* to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.’
- 34 “*As for the fact* that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: ‘I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY *and* SURE *blessings* OF DAVID.’
- 35 “Therefore He also says in another *Psalm*, ‘YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.’
- 36 “For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay;
- 37 but He whom God raised did not undergo decay.
- 38 “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,
- 39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.
- 40 “Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon *you*:

- 41 ‘BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND PERISH;
FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS,
A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH SOMEONE SHOULD
DESCRIBE IT TO YOU.’ ”
- 42 As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath.
- 43 Now when *the meeting of* the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.
- 44 The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord.
- 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and *began* contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.
- 46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.
- 47 “For so the Lord has commanded us,
‘I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES,
THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.’ ”
- 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.
- 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.
- 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.
- 51 But they shook off the dust of their feet *in protest* against them and went to Iconium.
- 52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 14

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- IN** Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.
- 2 But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren.
- 3 Therefore they spent a long time *there* speaking boldly *with reliance* upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.
- 4 But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.
- 5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them,
- 6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region;
- 7 and there they continued to preach the gospel.
- 8 At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.
- 9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well,
- 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he leaped up and *began* to walk.
- 11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us."
- 12 And they *began* calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.
- 13 The priest of Zeus, whose *temple* was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

- 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out
- 15 and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.
- 16 “In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways;
- 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”
- 18 *Even* saying these things, with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.
- 19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.
- 20 But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.
- 21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,
- 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”
- 23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
- 24 They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia.
- 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.
- 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.
- 27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they *began* to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.
- 28 And they spent a long time with the disciples.

ACTS AT A GLANCE

Book Theme:

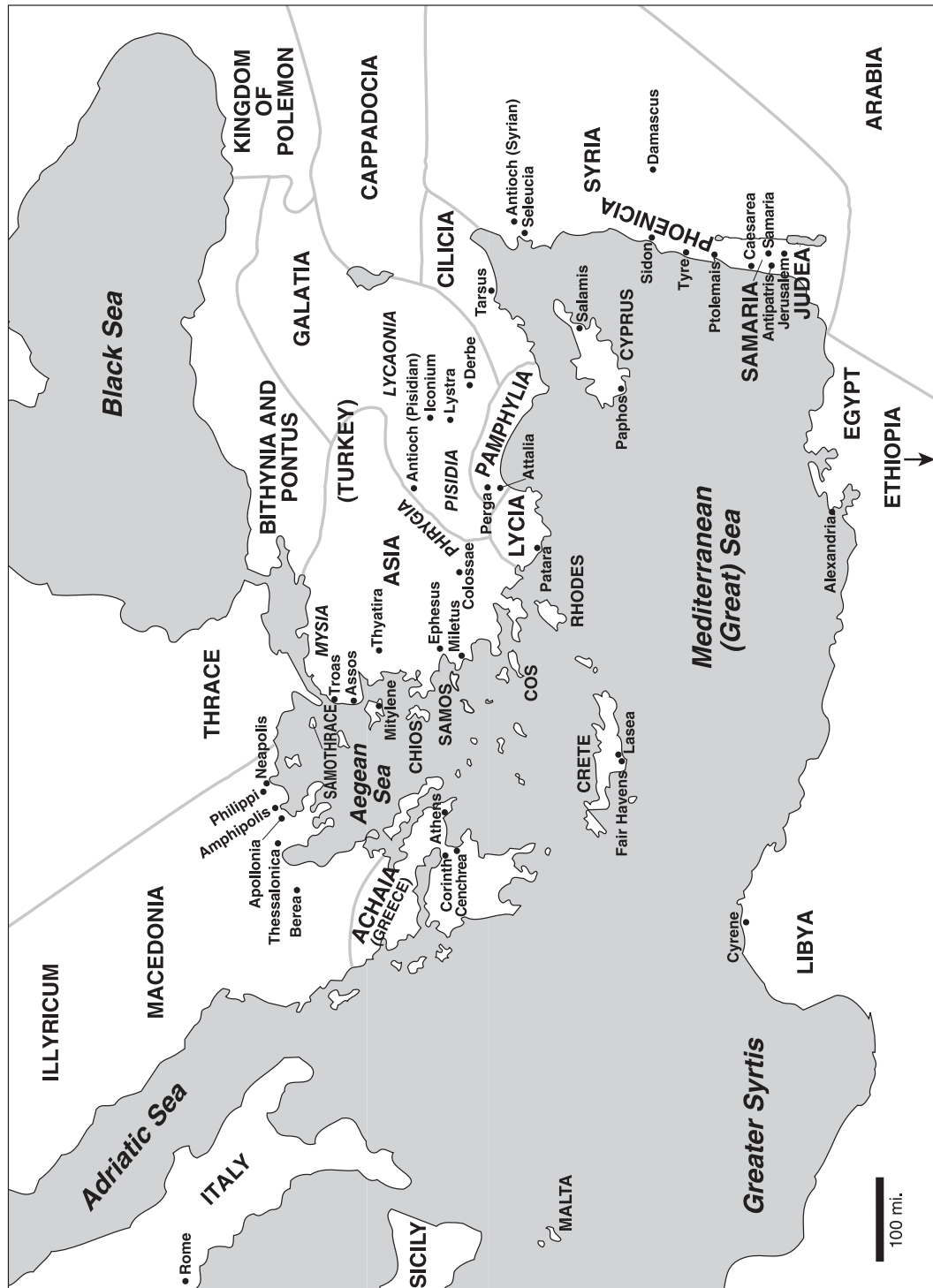
Segment Divisions

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Author:				1 Jesus promised Holy Spirit, ascended; 12 th apostle chosen
				2 Holy Spirit poured forth at Pentecost; Peter witnessed about Jesus
Date:				3 Peter and John healed lame man; Peter witnessed
				4 Jewish leaders jailed Peter and John, before Council, released; companions' prayer for boldness
Purpose:				5 Ananias and Sapphira lied and died; Jewish leaders jailed apostles, angel released, Jewish leaders flogged apostles for witnessing
				6 7 chosen to oversee serving tables; false witnesses against Stephen
Key Words:				7 Stephen witnessed, stoned to death
				8 Persecuted Church scattered to Judea and Samaria; Philip witnessed in Samaria; Ethiopian eunuch
				9 Saul believed; Peter healed Aeneas and raised Tabitha
				10 Peter's vision; gospel to Cornelius's house—Gentiles
				11 Peter testified of Gentiles' salvation; circumcised believers agreed God granted
				12 Herod had James put to death, arrested Peter; Peter released by angel

Segment Divisions

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PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS



WHAT ACTS TEACHES ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD

