

THROUGH MANY TRIBULATIONS

ACTS 14:19-28 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD

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I'll be strengthened as a Christian – no matter what – if I am (v19-22a)...continuing in the faith (v22b)...enduring every trial (v22c)...following spiritual leaders (v23a)...praying and seeking prayer (v23b)...telling others about Jesus (v24-28).

GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. This part of Acts tells us that Paul was stoned at Lystra and left for dead, but he got back up, re-entered the city, and went on preaching in Derbe.**
 - Share with your group of a time when you faced opposition for carrying out the mission of the gospel to family, coworkers, neighbours, etc.
 - Why isn't our willingness stronger to keep on standing for the gospel in the face of trials and persecution?
- 2. Paul and Barnabas were determined to encourage believers to continue in the faith.**
 - What are some ways you can encourage other believers who are struggling, or new to the faith?
- 3. Knowing about God and truly knowing God are two different things.**
 - Consider the following quote from J.I. Packer: "Those who know God...(1) Have great energy for God (2) Have great thoughts of God (3) Show great boldness for God (4) Have great contentment in God."
 - Use these 4 criteria to personally assess your knowledge of God. Which of these needs more attention in your life?
- 4. Hebrews 13:17 instructs us to obey and submit to spiritual leaders who watch over us.**
 - What can we do to remain faithful to this countercultural, yet biblical concept?
 - How can we properly respond to people who claim they can be a good Christian but don't need the church?
- 5. We are strengthened when we pray to God, but also when others pray for us.**
 - Share some requests and burdens that you can bring to God in prayer for one another.