

PERSEVERANCE IN THE FACE OF HOSTILITY | ACTS 14:1-23

We are living in a nation that is seemingly becoming more and more hostile to Christianity. Along with hostility, comes the need to persevere. Prior to beginning a new series, we will focus on a tremendous example of perseverance in the Scripture. When reading the Bible one of the questions I often ask is, "Is there an example to follow?" In our passage today, we see an obvious example in the Apostle Paul. Although, this passage describes what happened in Paul's first missionary journey versus prescribing what we are to do as Christians, it contains principles that we should develop and learn if we are going to be prepared to persevere in a hostile world. What do we learn from Paul?

1. _____ ministry is important in the face of _____.
2. While the natural inclination to _____ is to "shut up", the believer should exemplify _____.
3. Reliance on God and commitment to His mission, help us to not be swayed by the _____ or the _____ of the crowd.
4. Do not be _____ when you face _____, instead meet them with _____ anchored in Christ.