

## **A Scar Means You Survived**

**Acts 14:21-28**

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**Acts 14:21-28 (NLT)** After preaching the Good News in Derbe and making many disciples, Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch of Pisidia, 22 where they strengthened the believers. They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God. 23 Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. 24 Then they traveled back through Pisidia to Pamphylia. 25 They preached the word in Perga, then went down to Attalia. 26 Finally, they returned by ship to Antioch of Syria, where their journey had begun. The believers there had entrusted them to the grace of God to do the work they had now completed. 27 Upon arriving in Antioch, they called the church together and reported everything God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles, too. 28 And they stayed there with the believers for a long time.

### **FOUR PILLARS OF FAITH**

#### **1. MAKING \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 14:21 (NLT)** After preaching the Good News in Derbe and making many disciples,

**John 8:31-32 (NLT2)** Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The term "disciple" comes to us in English from a Latin root. Its basic meaning is "learner" or "pupil." The term is virtually absent from the OT, though there are two related references (1 Chron. 25:8; Isa. 8:16).

In every Christian's heart there is a cross and a throne, and the Christian is on the throne till he puts himself on the cross; if he refuses the cross, he remains on the throne.

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**Acts 2:42 (NKJV)** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

#### **2. CONTINUATION IN THE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 14:22b (NLT)** "...They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."

**How did David encourage himself in the LORD?**

- 1. He contacted the Priest Abiathar.**
- 2. Abiathar brought the Ephod to David.**
- 3. David inquired of the LORD.**

#### **3. RAISING UP \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 14:23 (ESV)** And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

#### **4. FINISH THE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 14:26 (NLT)** Finally, they returned by ship to Antioch of Syria, where their journey had begun. The believers there had entrusted them to the grace of God to do the work they had now completed.

**John 4:34 (CEV)** Jesus said: My food is to do what God wants! He is the one who sent me, and I must finish the work that he gave me to do.

**Acts 20:24 (CEV)** But I don't care what happens to me, as long as I finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do. And that work is to tell the good news about God's great kindness.

**Luke 14:29 (NAB)** Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him

**Colossians 4:17 (NCV)** Tell Archippus, "Be sure to finish the work the Lord gave you."

**Acts 14:27-28 (NLT)** Upon arriving in Antioch, they called the church together and reported everything God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles, too. 28 And they stayed there with the believers for a long time.

#### **Answers:**

- 1. Disciples**
- 2. Faith**
- 3. Leaders**
- 4. Work**