

Notes - Book of Acts Study, Part 59 – Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Acts 14:1-7

¹ At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.

⁴ The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles. ⁵ There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them. ⁶ But they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country, ⁷ where they continued to preach the gospel.

God is not limited to our human laws or principles.

God's will is not thwarted by the world's "buts"!

Isaiah 55:8

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

Numbers 23:19

¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?

Isaiah 43:13

¹³ Yes, and from ancient days I am he.
No one can deliver out of my hand.
When I act, who can reverse it?"

The only thing that should sway us is the Word of God.

God is not daunted by the enemy – and He wants the same for us.

*God never told me to quit!
God confirmed their message with signs and wonders.*

1 Corinthians 4:20

²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

When we have power, we don't need mere talk.

*"Who you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you're saying."
Poet Ralph Waldo Emerson*

We must resist the tendency to go by our feelings in kingdom matters.

Ephesians 1:18-20

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms

The highest power of all raised Jesus from the dead.

That Power lives in me