



Bible Study Notes

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Acts 14:21-28

²¹ They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²² strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said. ²³ Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. ²⁴ After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, ²⁵ and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

²⁶ From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. ²⁷ On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Romans 8:15

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

When we are led by the Spirit we are led in power, not fear.

Psalms 118:6

⁶ The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

When we are led by the Spirit we have no reason to fear man.

Proverbs 28:1

¹ The wicked flee though no one pursues,
but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

The Spirit gives us boldness.



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Psalm 23:4

*⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me*

God's presence is the difference-maker.

1 John 4:18

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

The Aramaic can be translated "Fear is suspicious."

God's love never brings fear. God's love never accompanies dread. That means if we are operating in fear, we are not operating in God's love.

If we walk in fear, we have not grown into a sufficient understanding of God's love.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 8:32

³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

If Jesus suffered, we will suffer.

Matthew 10:22-24

²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.

God is not the author of calamity in the world, but He will use suffering in our lives to strengthen and refine our faith.



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1 Peter 4:12

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

Romans 5:1-4

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope

1 Peter 1:6-7

⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

When there is no faith in the future there is no power in the present

God tests our faith through suffering to show us what we are putting our faith in.

What are you putting your faith in?

