

Listening Guide Notes
“Iconium back to Antioch in Syria”
Series: “Road Trip”
(Part 5 of 5)

“They spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed.” –Acts 14:1 (p. 769)

To finish the trip well...

1. Keep doing what you can do.

^[3] “...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.” –Acts 14:3-7 (p. 769)

2. Stay humble.

^[14] “But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ^[15] ‘Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.’ ... ^[18] Even

with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.” –Acts 14:14-15, 18 (p. 769-770)

3. Get back up.

^[19] “Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ^[20] But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. ^[21a] They preached in that city and won a large number of disciples.” –Acts 14:19-21a (p. 770)

4. Push through the finish line.

^[21b] “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.” –Acts 14:21b-26 (p. 770)