



## BIBLE STUDY

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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15

### THE BOOK OF ACTS

“Can I Get A Witness – The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

**Perseverance, Opposition, and the Power of The Gospel**

**Acts 14:1-7**

**Themes to consider is this passage of scripture are:**

1. **The Power of God's Word**

We are to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ of God's

Word through consistent \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Perseverance in the Face of Opposition**

Understand that \_\_\_\_\_ comes in many forms;

through \_\_\_\_\_, rejection, or

\_\_\_\_\_ because of our faith in Jesus, yet being

\_\_\_\_\_ enough to remain steadfast in sharing the message of Christ.

### **3. The Importance of Discipleship**

Our roles as believers require us to help other believers in the

\_\_\_\_\_ growth. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for

helping one another mature in wisdom and in our faith.

#### **I. BOLD PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL (vv. 1-3)**

##### **A. Persuasion leads to conversion (v. 1)**

They spoke the gospel truth in such a way that many believed. It was a message of unity. Jesus came and was resurrected for the salvation of the Jew and the Greek.

##### **B. The occurrence of opposition (v. 2)**

As believers we should anticipate opposition in our efforts to share the gospel. When we do find ourselves having to face opposition, we should see this as a good sign – a sign that we are on a mission for God.

##### **C. The confirmation of God's Word (v. 3)**

1. The message of grace – Ephesians 2:8-9
2. Signs & wonders

#### **II. DIVISION AND PERSECUTION (vv. 4-5)**

Half of the city is on the side of God's grace and faith in Jesus while the other side is opposed to all of those things.

#### **III. CONTINUED MINISTRY DESPITE ADVERSITY (vv. 6-7)**

The apostles demonstrated their prudence and willingness to adjust their strategy in the face of danger,

ensuring their safety while continuing their mission elsewhere.

### **Practical ways to overcome adversity and persecution in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

1. Know that you've been called. Paul and Barnabas knew that they were called by God for this very purpose. If God calls you to it, know that he will bring you through it.
2. Be bold in your witness. Share the gospel message in your own spheres of influence, whether it be among family, friends, colleagues, or even strangers. We must speak the truth in love, unapologetically sharing the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.
3. Rely on God's power. Rather than relying solely on our own abilities, we should depend on the Holy Spirit to work through us, confirming the truth of the gospel through transformed lives and even miraculous interventions.
4. Persevere in ministry. Although we may encounter obstacles, resistance, or discouragement in our efforts to share the message of Jesus Christ, trust in God's strength and guidance in the face of adversity.
5. Be flexible in your ministry strategy. Sometimes, the most effective course of action may involve changing plans or locations as guided by the Holy Spirit. We are called to be open to God's leading and be willing to adjust our strategies for the sake of advancing His Kingdom.