

“Mission: Return, Report, Encourage, & Equip!”

Acts 14:24-28

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**“What Is The Pattern Wherever Paul Goes
When It Comes To Preaching & Teaching The Full Gospel Message?”**

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Paul Enters The Local Synagogue & Awaits An Opportunity To Preach / Teach / Debate

NOTE

Paul Always Uses A 4-Part Formula When Sharing The Gospel of Good News

1) OT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God’s People According To God’s Plan & Promise

2) NT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God’s People Fulfilled In Jesus Christ

3) Support With Various Scriptures

**Use The Scriptures Read In The Synagogue / Church Meeting That Day
&/Or Use Supporting Scriptures From The Bible**

4) Exhort & Encourage

The Audience To Go Further In Their Thinking & Understanding Of The Past & Their Lives

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**“What Is The Plan God Desires His True Followers To Follow
Whenever He Opens A Spiritual Door Or Sets Up A Spiritual Encounter?”**

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**Believers/Followers Of Jesus Christ Are To Be Bold In His Spirit
& Ready To Enact An Initial 4-Fold Plan:**

1) Presentation, 2) Decision, 3) Judgement, & 4) Movement

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**“What Is The Plan God Desires Of His True Followers To Follow
Whenever They Make Rencounter Or Pay A Follow Up Visit
To Those They Have Already Presented The Gospel Message To?”**

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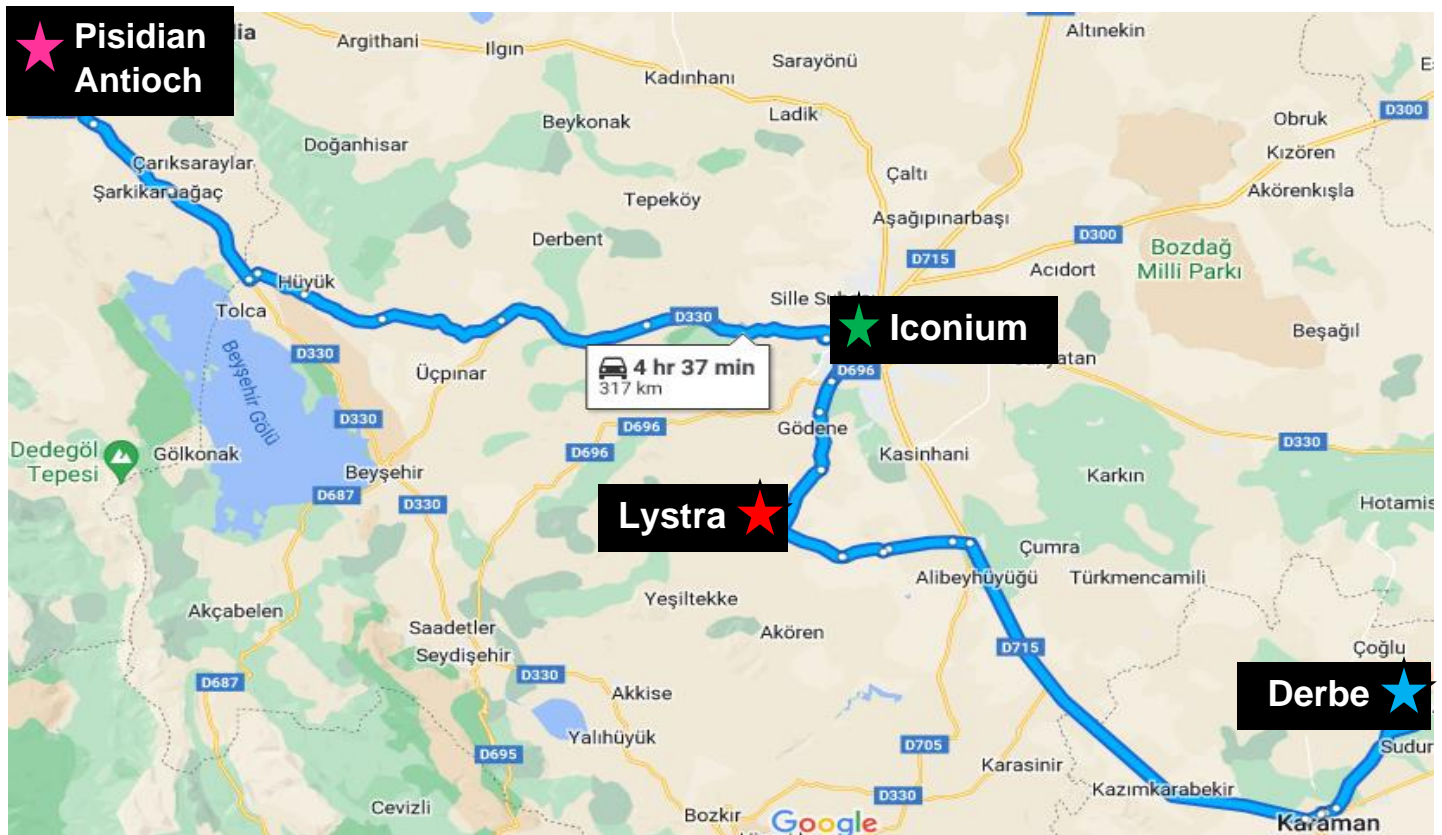
**Believers/Followers Of Jesus Christ Are To Be Bold In His Spirit
& Ready To Enact A Follow-Up 4-Fold Plan:**

1) Report/Presentation, 2) Encourage/Decision, 3) Commission/Ordain, & 4) Equip/Mentor

Let’s Take A Look At Paul & Barnabas’ Return Trip

And when **They (Paul & Barnabas)** had **preached the Gospel** to the **city** (of **Derbe**) and **made many Disciples**, **They returned to Lystra, Iconium**, and **(Pisidian) Antioch**, **strengthening the Souls of the Disciples**, **exhorting Them to continue in the faith**, and **saying (rhema / prophecy)**, **“We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God!”** So, when **They (Paul & Barnabas)** had **appointed (commissioned & ordained) Elders in every Church**, and **prayed with fasting**, **They (Paul & Barnabas)** **commended Them (Disciples)** to the **Lord** in **Whom They had believed** (by faith). **Acts 14:21-23**

The Return & Completion of Paul's 1st Missionary Journey (Late 47 – Late 48 A.D.) Map #1



Now To This Morning's Scripture Reading Concerning Paul & Barnabas' Return Visit To Antioch And after They (Paul & Barnabas) *[began to make their return^a trip],* They passed through Pisidian (Antioch),¹ then They came to Pamphylia.² Now when They had Preached the Word (Gospel) in Perga,³ They went down to Attalia.⁴ From there They sailed to Antioch,⁵ where They had been Commended to the Grace of God for the Work (Preaching & Teaching) which They had completed ... Acts 14:24-26

The Return & Completion of Paul's 1st Missionary Journey (Late 47 – Late 48 A.D.) Map #2



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*“What Do Paul & Barnabas Do After Returning Back
To Their Missionary Sending Church?”*

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They **Boldly In The Power Of The Holy Spirit Enact** A Follow-Up 4-Fold Plan:

1) Report/Presentation, 2) Encourage/Decision 3) Commission/Ordain, & 4) Equip/Mentor

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NOTE

Very Soon, Paul & Barnabas' Missionary Actions & Those Of Peter As Well,
Would Bring Conflict & Needed Resolution To The Growing Church of Jesus Christ!

See 1st Church Council in Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-29)

“Let Us As God’s People

Be Bold In The Power Of His Holy Spirit To:

Preach, Teach, Convict, Endure, Suffer,

Rejoice, Report, Commend, Encourage, Equip,

Mentor, Commission, & Ordain God’s People,

As We Care For & Serve Them All,

With God’s Love & Grace!”