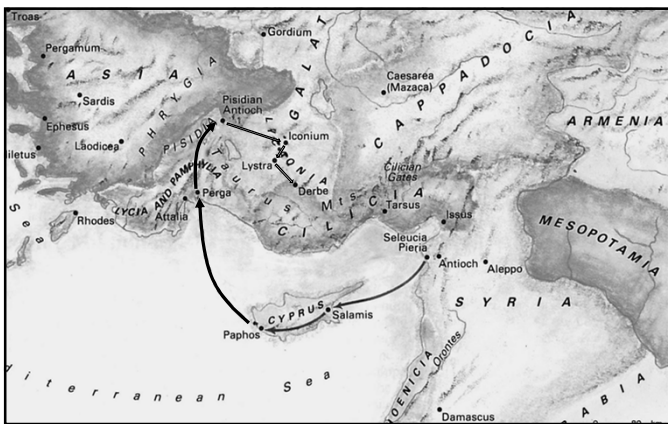


# \*ACTS

The Continuing Work of Jesus

## \*Acts 14:1-28

*Persecution and Perseverance*



### Persecution and Perseverance

1. Opposition encouraged their boldness (14:2-3)
2. Death threats kept them moving but didn't stop their preaching (14:5-7)
3. Attempted murder couldn't stop them (14:19-20)
4. Suffering is the path to the kingdom (14:22)

### How can we learn perseverance?

1. Remember that suffering is the path to the kingdom

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me."

(John 15:18-21)

How can we learn perseverance?

1. Remember that suffering is the path to the kingdom
2. Look to the One who suffered for us
3. Pray for the persecuted