



USEFUL TO THE LORD
Midcourse Adjustments

ACTS 14:1-7

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1. Be _____ (vv.1-3)

2. Value _____ (v.4)

3. Remain _____ (vv.5-7)

Acts 14:1 Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. *4* But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. *5* When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, *6* they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, *7* and there they continued to preach the gospel. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 5:15; 10:13** and **1 Corinthians 3:5**. What are some of the specific roles you are increasingly convinced God has assigned to you for impacting others as his agent of righteous influence and truth?
2. Read **Colossians 4:3-4** and **Acts 4:29**. What are some of the pressures that tempt you to not be as clear and bold as you should be in your assignment to represent Christ in your sphere of influence?
3. Read **Philippians 1:3-8; 4:14-16**. In what ways have certain people encouraged you in fulfilling your divine assignments amid all the pushback, temptations, and pressures?
4. Read **Psalms 37:1-19**. Describe the experience of fretting when you are forced to make mid-course corrections in the things God has assigned to you. Why is it critical to not give in to this kind of distress?
5. Read **Hebrews 12:1-4** and **2 Timothy 3:10-11**. What practical steps can you take to learn more from the examples of those who have endured much to fulfill their calling?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

March 20th
Josh. 1-3 & Lk. 1:57-80

March 21st
Josh. 4-6 & Lk. 2:1-24

March 22nd
Josh. 7-8 & Lk. 2:25-52

March 23rd
Josh. 9-10 & Lk. 3

March 24th
Josh. 11-13 & Lk. 4:1-32

March 25th
Josh. 14-15 & Lk. 4:33-44

March 26th
Josh. 16-18 & Lk. 5:1-16

March 27th
Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39

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Msg. 18-25 – **Provision & Planning**
Msg. 21-23 – **Saul: A New Purpose**
Msg. 19-25 – **Purpose Fulfilled**
Msg. 14-30 – **When Our Preparation Isn't Enough**
Msg. 14-32 – **When the Task Seems Impossible**
Msg. 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**
Msg. 04-25 – **A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Barclay, William B. **The Secret of Contentment**. P & R Publishing, 2011.
Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty Nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity, 1999.
Burroughs, Jeremiah. **Faith: Two Treatises**. Reprint. Northampton Press, 2011.
Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973.
Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.
MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.
Mack, Wayne. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear**. P & R Publishing, 2014.
Ryle, J. C. **A Call to Prayer**. Audubon Press, 2002.
Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer**. Moody Press, 1994.
Scott, Stuart. **Anger, Anxiety and Fear**. Focus Publishing, 2009.
Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.
Thomas, Derek W. H. **What is Providence?** P & R Publishing, 2008.
Welch, Edward. **Running Scared: Fear, Worry and the God of Rest**. New Growth Press, 2007.
Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.