

"NO EASY ROAD"

ACTS 14 (key verse - v. 22)



INTRODUCTION: V. 21-22

***The pathway to God's kingdom is often paved with thorns (It is no easy road).**

3 Tribulations (pressures) you may face if you take a stand for the Gospel:

Along the pathway some may:

I. MISREPRESENT YOU, BECAUSE OF THE GOSPEL YOU STAND FOR
(v. 1-7)

(Are you willing to endure the pain of verbal affliction?)

A. Because of the Gospel you may be talked about (v. 1-3)

B. Because of the Gospel you may be a cause of division (v. 4-7)

Along the pathway some may:

II. MISUNDERSTAND YOU, BECAUSE OF THE GOSPEL YOU STAND FOR
(v. 8-19a)

(Are you willing to endure the pain of emotional affliction?)

A. On the one hand, some may think of you as a god to be worshipped (v. 11-18)

B. On the other hand, these same people may think of you as a criminal to be punished (v. 19a)

Along the pathway some may:

III. MISTREAT YOU, BECAUSE OF THE GOSPEL YOU STAND FOR
(v. 19a-20)

(Are you willing to endure the pain of physical affliction?)