

WEEK TWO

The Gospel Advances

Philippians 1:12-14 ^{ESV}

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1st Missionary Journey // Acts 13-14



Acts 13:2-3 ^{ESV}

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

2nd Missionary Journey // Acts 15-18



Acts 15:36 ^{ESV}

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.”

3rd Missionary Journey // Acts 18-21



Acts 21:10-14 ^{ESV}

While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

4th “Missionary” Journey // Acts 27-28



Acts 28:28-31 ^{ESV}

“Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.” ³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

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Joseph

Brothers try to kill him

Moses

Newborn in a basket

Rahab

Prostitute in Christ's lineage

David

Teenage warrior & king

Daniel

Exile hero

Esther

Saved Israel from ruin

Mary

Teenage mother of Jesus

Stephen

First martyr

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Paul's Joy & Rejoicing

1:4	prays with joy
1:18	rejoices that Christ is proclaimed
1:25	will remain living on earth, for the Philippians' joy in the faith
2:2	asks the Philippians to complete his joy
2:17-18	is glad and rejoices with the Philippians
2:28	sends Epaphroditus, that the Philippians might rejoice
2:29	tells the Philippians to receive Epaphroditus with joy
3:1	tells the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord
4:1	tells the Philippians they are his joy
4:4	tells the Philippians twice to rejoice in the Lord
4:10	rejoiced in the Lord at the Philippians' concern for him

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Acts 5:33-35 ESV

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.”

Acts 5:36-39 ESV

For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice...

“World evangelization... is a divinely ordered goal for every Christian. Not only is it attainable; it is inevitable. Whether or not we believe it, someday the gospel of the Kingdom will be heard to the ends of the earth (Mt. 24:14). The God of the universe will not be defeated in His purpose. Any activity not in step with His design for human destiny is an exercise in futility. The sooner we realize this and align our way with His, the sooner we will be relevant to eternity.”

- Robert Coleman