

Acts Ch. 14

“Through Much Tribulation Enter the Kingdom of God”

***Unconditional Obedience through.....**

1. V1-7 Slander, Gossip and Threats

- i.* Slander and Gossip is Satan’s attempt to assassinate your character, so the Gospel is ineffective through you.
- ii.* Do not defend yourself against such attacks but leave it to the Lord to defend your reputation (Romans 12:17-21)
- iii.* Are you partnering with the devil by participating or entertaining gossip and slander? Examine the content of your conversations with people if they honor God?

2. V8-20 The Praise of Man and Physical Harm

- i.* How do you handle Praise? “If you live for their acceptance you will die to their rejection”
- ii.* Death is being with Jesus- (In his presence is fullness of Joy. **You can’t threaten me with Jesus-Rom.14:8**)
- iii.* Do you struggle receiving criticism? Do you live for praise? Both are elements of pride. (Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and HE will exalt you)

3. V21-28 Fellowship, Prayer and Fasting

- i.* Christianity is like riding a bike uphill. If you stop pedaling you backslide (Keep pedaling in fellowship, prayer, devotion, service and evangelism)