

# ACTS



*The Story of the Church*

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

JOHN 10:7-10   ESV

27 Upon arriving in Antioch, they called the church together and reported everything God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles, too.

ACTS 14:27 NLT









<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked.

<sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

# The Door of Faith:

- Access true healing

3 “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

JOHN 9:3 NLT

10 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

LUKE 10:20 NIV

11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: 15 “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. 16 In the past, he let all nations go their own way.

ACTS 14:14-16 NIV

17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony:  
He has shown kindness by giving you rain from  
heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you  
with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”  
18 Even with these words, they had difficulty  
keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

# The Door of Faith:

- Access true healing
- Redirects our worship

# Devotion Diagnostic:

- **Calendar:** How do I spend my time?
- **Crowd:** Who am I around?
- **Checkbook:** Where is my money going?
- **Content:** What voices am I listening to?
- **Concerns:** What am I stressed out about?

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 NIV

19 Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.

20 But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. 21 They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, 22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith.

“We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

ACTS 14:22 NIV

# The Door of Faith:

- Access true healing
- Redirects our worship
- Endure hardship

<sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:2-5 ESV

# The Door of Faith:

- Access true healing
- Redirects our worship
- Endure hardship
- Embrace community

23 Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. 24 After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia,<sup>25</sup> and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.<sup>26</sup> From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

ACTS 14:23-26 NIV

26 From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. 27 On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.