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OVERCOMING DISTRACTIONS FROM THE MISSION IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

What is the mission?

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Mark 16:14-18
- Luke 24:44-49
- John 20:19-23
- Acts 1:4-8

4 Things that distract us from the Mission:

1. Man Pleasing/Opposition

Acts 14:1-4

What did Paul and Barnabas do? How did they cope with the distraction of opposition?

(Vs. 3) How do we cope with opposition?

2. Self-Preservation

Acts 14:4-7

· Where the Gospel is preached, there is division (Matthew 10:34)

· Pursuing God's mission entails spiritual warfare



· If the world hates you, it hated Jesus first (John 15:18-19)

What did Paul and Barnabas do when they were about to be stoned? (vs. 7)

3. Success/Victory/Flattery

Acts 14:11-15

What do Paul and Barnabas do when the people compare them to gods? (vs. 15)

4. Failure

Acts 14:19-22

Paul is stoned and dragged out of the city by the SAME people that just compared them to gods.

We would consider this a failure. What do Paul and Barnabas do? (vs. 20-22)