



Title | Speaking Out in a Divided Culture
Series | The Church That Changed the World
Text | Acts 14:1-7
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Sermon Notes

Acts 14:1 Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. **2** But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. **3** So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. **4** But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. **5** When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, **6** they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, **7** and there they continued to preach the gospel.

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Big Idea:

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Acts 14:3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord . . . *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 14:1-7. Speaking boldly for the Lord essentially means speaking vulnerably for him. In our culture, do you think being *bold* can be misunderstood as something different than being *vulnerable*? If so, how so? How might this relate to 1 Peter 3:15-16?

Tuesday:

From Acts 14:1-7, list as many patterns as you can find concerning speaking boldly for the Lord—how it's done, where it's done, with whom, what the results might be, etc.

Wednesday:

To what extent do you have relationships with people who have not believed in Jesus? Why is this important?

Thursday:

Do you think the apostles were sometimes afraid to speak vulnerably for the Lord? If so, how did they deal with it? (See 2 Corinthians 7:5, Acts 4:29, Ephesians 6:18-20.)

Friday:

Think of one person in your life who needs the life of Jesus. Pray for an opportunity speak vulnerably for the Lord to that person.

Daily Prayer:

Lord, please give me an opportunity to speak vulnerably for you, to bring life to another person. And give me the courage to take it. Amen.