

CrossWalk **notes**

Journey

Amazing Effectiveness

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What makes a witness powerful and effective?

At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. **Acts 14:1^a, NIV**

Paul and Barnabas had a _____ and a _____ for the work on their trip. (Know your audience.)

There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. **Acts 14:1^b-2, NIV**

Effective preaching of God's Word brings _____, both positive and negative. (Tell the truth.)

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV

God's Word is _____. (Trust the Truth.)

³So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders. ⁴The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles. **Acts 14:3-4, NIV**

_____ confirmed Paul's message.

_____ confirms our message. (Look at the evidence.)

⁵There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them. ⁶But they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country, ⁷where they continued to preach the gospel. **Acts 14:5-7, NIV**

Paul and Barnabas knew when it was time to _____. (Rest your case.)

²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **John 14:26, NIV**

Be God's witness, not his _____.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will trust God to work through his Word to change hearts. I will be a faithful witness and share how he has worked in my life.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.