

CrossWalk **notes**

Journey

Amazing Confusion

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How do I get past my preconceived ideas to the truth about God?

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. **Acts 14:8-10, NIV**

Faith in God that brings lasting health and healing comes from _____ the _____ of Jesus.

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. **Acts 14:11-13, NIV**

We all have ill-informed ideas about God that lead us to see him simply as _____ versions of us.

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. **Acts 14:14-15, NIV**

Confusion comes from having different _____ than God does. (Worthless things vs. Good News)

¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. 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. **Acts 14:16-18, NIV**

Don't confuse God's _____ with his _____.
He let's sin run its course, but still shows _____.

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. **Acts 14:19-20, NIV.**

Human ideas and loyalty are remarkably _____.
Jesus brings cross-enduring _____.

MEMORY VERSE

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.
Acts 14:15^b, NIV

My next step: I will get definite information about God. I will start a Bible reading or devotional plan that tells me the truth about God.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.