

sermon notes

Sept 21, 2025 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church
No Other Name | “Left for Dead in Lystra” | **Acts 14:1–28**

- 1) Endurance means persevering through _____
(14:1–7)

- 2) Endurance means confronting and defying _____
(14:8–20)

- 3) Endurance means carrying on through _____
(14:21–28)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

What comes to mind when you hear the word endurance? What are some biblical passages that emphasize endurance and perseverance? Read 2 Timothy 4:6–8. What does this passage teach us about endurance?

Read Acts 14:1–28. Do you think you are adequately prepared to endure opposition? How should we respond when we face opposition for our faith in Christ? Are you prepared to suffer for Christ’s sake? What are some common types of opposition that Christians face in today’s world?

GET PERSONAL

What are some superstitious beliefs you have encountered when sharing the gospel? How do we counter those beliefs? Read 1 Peter 3:13–16. Are you prepared to make a defense for the hope that is in you? How do you do this with gentleness and respect, while still maintaining boldness?

What are some typical tribulations that Christians go through? Are there tribulations that are common to believers and unbelievers? Are there tribulations that are unique to Christians? When one of your Christian friends is going through a trial, do you try to solve their problem, rebuke them, or encourage them? When was the last time you encouraged another believer by reminding them, “through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22)?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

How much would you be willing to endure for your Savior, Jesus Christ? If someone insulted you, would you abandon Christ? If someone threatened you, would you renounce him? Be honest: if someone started beating, whipping, or even stoning you, would you endure? Pray through your answers to these questions and ask God for boldness, courage, and endurance.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Read Paul’s statement to the Lystrans in Acts 14:16–17. How does Paul’s statement affirm the reality of common grace? Paul says, “In past generations [God] allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways.” Does that mean that God redeems pagan peoples from the OT who walked in their own ways? Does this mean God grants salvation to those who have never heard the gospel? Differentiate common grace from saving grace.