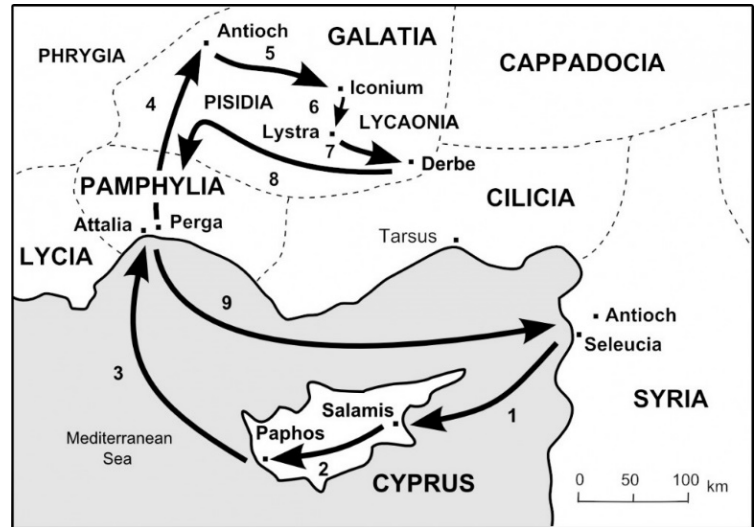


MIND WHAT MATTERS

Acts 14:1-7 (ESV) 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.

THE RHYTHM OF BARNABAS & PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

1. **They proclaim the gospel boldly**
(and many are saved)
2. **They are persecuted harshly**
3. **They progress missionally**



THE BATTLE FOR OUR MIND – THREE SPIRITUAL ENEMIES:

1. **THE FLESH**

Romans 7:23 "But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members."

Romans 8:5 "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit."

Notes: _____

2. **THE DEVIL**

1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

Notes: _____

3. **THE WORLD**

1 John 2:16 "For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world."



HOW TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR OUR MINDS:

Our Defense:

2 Corinthians 10:3 *"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ"*

Ephesians 6:10-20 *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication."*

WHAT ARE WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN PROACTIVELY DEFEND YOUR MIND FROM DECEPTION?

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Our Offense:

Philippians 4:8-9 *"8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."*

WHAT ARE WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN FILL YOUR MIND WITH TRUTH?

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