



SERMON NOTES

A Scar Means You Survived

Acts 14:1-7

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Someone said, "Scars are tattoos with better stories."

Galatians 6:17 (TLB)

17 From now on please don't argue with me about these things, for I carry on my body the scars of the whippings and wounds from Jesus' enemies that mark me as his slave.

Acts 14:1-2 (NLT)

1 The same thing happened in Iconium. Paul and Barnabas went to the Jewish synagogue and preached with such power that a great number of both Jews and Greeks became believers.

2 Some of the Jews, however, spurned God's message and poisoned the minds of the Gentiles against Paul and Barnabas.

SIGNS YOUR MIND HAS BEEN POISONED

If you believe that truth is relative. Jn. 17:17

If you believe good people go to heaven. Jh. 14:6

That salvation is earned. Eph. 2:8-9

Thinking that a person's sexuality is fluid and non-binary. Genesis 5:2

That abortion is truly a woman's right to choose and not the killing of an innocent life. Ex. 20:13

If you believe we evolved from a single cell amoeba. Gen. 1:1

POISON PREVENTION

Don't believe everything you read.

Beware of hype.

Don't buy into fear or scare tactics.

Discern individual agendas.

Look out for subliminal messages.

Follow Christ.

Prove all things. 1 Thes. 5:21

Don't believe every spirit. Trust your own intuition. 1 Jn. 4:1

Don't follow the crowd. Pr. 14:12

Don't be afraid to be different. Dan. 3

Acts 14:3-4 (NLT)

3 But the apostles stayed there a long time, preaching boldly about the grace of the Lord. And the Lord proved their message was true by giving them power to do miraculous signs and wonders. 4

But the people of the town were divided in their opinion about them. Some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

The fewer the facts, the stronger the opinions.

–Arnold H. Glasow

There are no facts, only interpretations.

–Friedrich Nietzsche

John 7:43 (MaceNT)

43 so that the people were divided in their opinions about him.

Acts 14:5-7 (NLT)

5 Then a mob of Gentiles and Jews, along with their leaders, decided to attack and stone them. 6 When the apostles learned of it, they fled to the region of Lycaonia—to the towns of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding area. 7 And there they preached the Good News.

4 Step Process to Change

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

What About Your Scars?

1. Scars are external and internal.

2. A scar is evidence that healing has occurred.

3. Scars show us where we have been but they don't have to dictate where we are headed.

Answers:

1. COMMUNICATION

2. CONTROVERSY

3. CONFLICT

4. CHANGE