

Welcome to Sierra



Community Church

MANDAY



SIERRA COMMUNITY CHURCH

7/19/14

**Thank You
All!**

**WORLD
FIRD
ANIMALS**
Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind





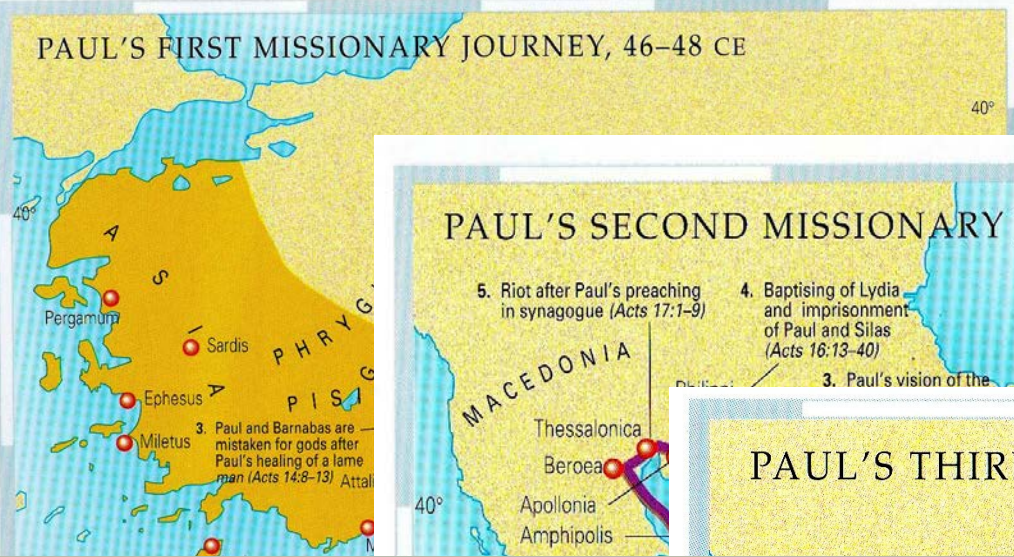
ACTS:

A HISTORY BOOK

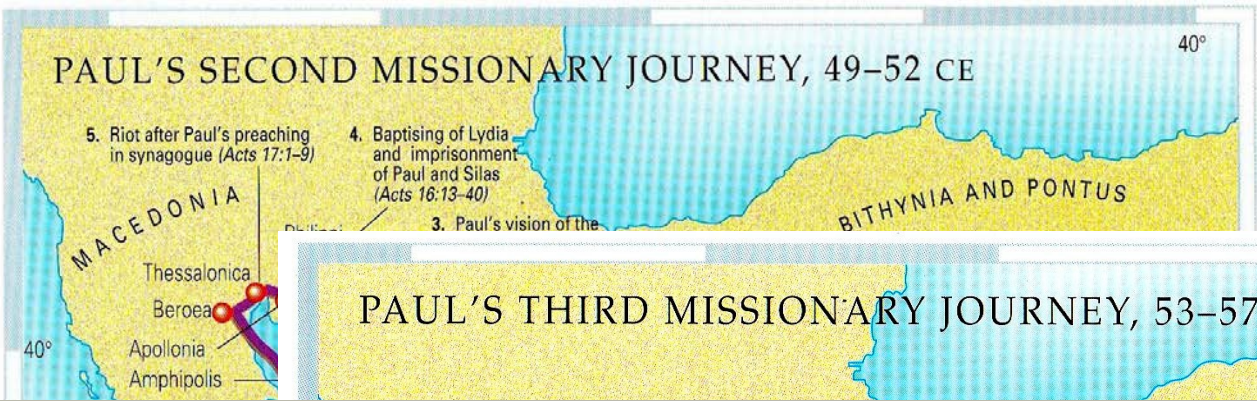
Living **IN YOU.**

VINTAGE IDEAS FOR LIVING TODAY

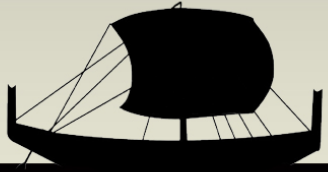
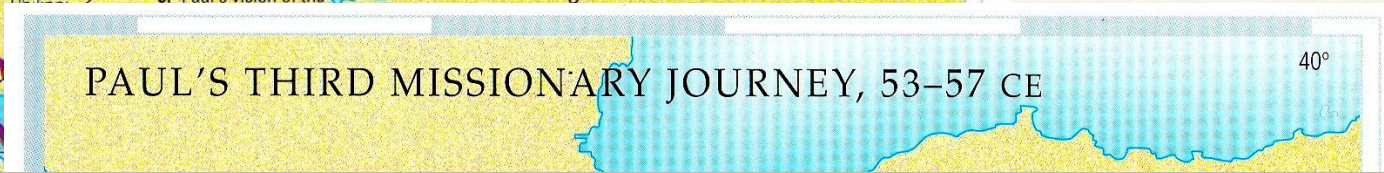
PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY, 46-48 CE



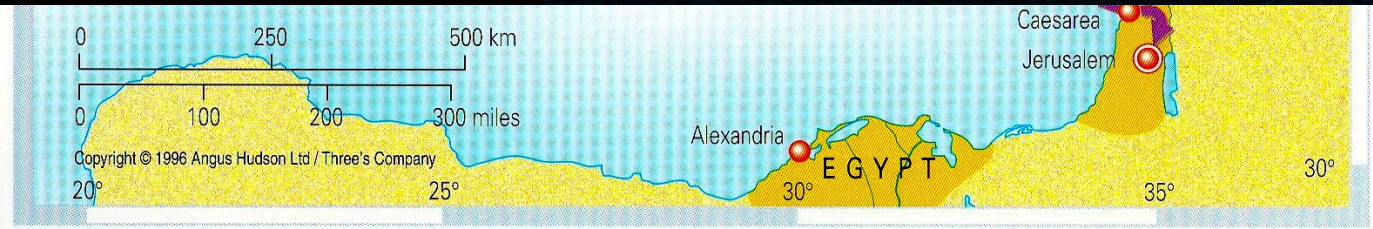
PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY, 49-52 CE



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY, 53-57 CE



7,000 Miles

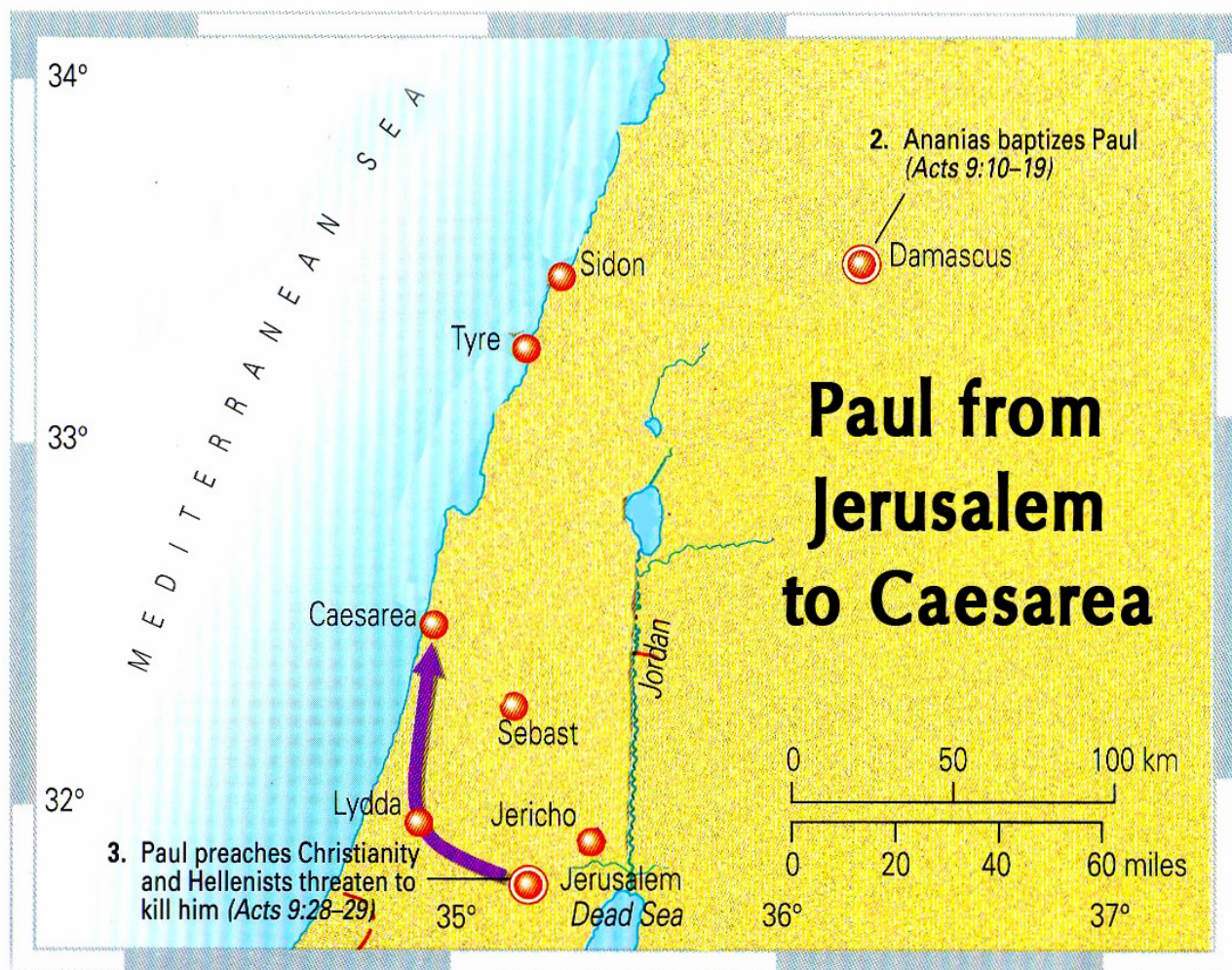


2 Corinthians 11:23-27 in prison frequently, been flogged severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

Acts 23 Paul in Prison in Jerusalem and Caesarea

23:10 The *dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces* by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks.

vs.22-24 The commander
23 called two of his centurions and ordered them, “Get ready a detachment of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at nine tonight. 24 Provide horses for Paul so that he may be taken safely to Governor Felix.”



Acts 24 The Charges against Paul

¹ Five days later the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor (Felix).

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King Herod's Palaces



“He exercised the
power of a king
with the mind of
a slave.”

-Tacitus, Roman Historian



Acts 24 The Charges against Paul

Charge #1

5 We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect
6 and even tried to desecrate the temple; so we seized him.



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Acts 24 The Charges against Paul

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Charge #2



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Acts 24 The Charges against Paul

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Charge #3



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Acts 24 The Charges against Paul

Answer #1

“¹¹You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. ¹²My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. ¹⁸I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple.



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Acts 24 The Charges against Paul

Answer #2

¹⁴However, I admit that I worship the God of our

ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, ¹⁵and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.



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Acts 24 The Charges against Paul

Answer #3

¹⁹But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me.



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Acts 24 Paul Waits (and waits, and waits)

²²Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. “When Lysias the commander comes,” he said, “I will decide your case.”



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Acts 24 Paul Waits (and waits, and waits)

²⁴ Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.” ²⁶ At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him.



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Acts 24 Paul Waits (and waits, and waits)

²⁷When two years had passed,

Felix was succeeded by

Porcius Festus, but because

Felix wanted to grant a favor to

the Jews, he left Paul in prison.



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Living at *peace* in the midst of turmoil.

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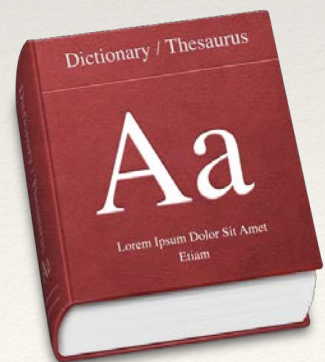
noun

freedom from
disturbance; quiet
and tranquility:
mental calm;

turmoil | 'tər,moil |

noun

a state of great
disturbance,
confusion, or
uncertainty.



Living at *peace* in the midst of turmoil.

Paul reminds us to:

1. *Live with integrity.*

Knowing what is right and doing what is right reduces self-inflicted turmoil.

Living at *peace* in the midst of turmoil.

Paul reminds us to:

2. *Tell the Truth.*

Very few things can complicate life like spinning webs of half truths and outright lies! Telling the truth in love is one of the best tools to help others make good decisions.

Living at *peace* in the midst of turmoil.

Paul reminds us to:

3. *Expect Challenges!*

*Don't let your happiness depend on the
absence of challenges!*

3. *Expect Challenges!*

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” –John 16:33

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3. *Expect Challenges!*

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong! -2 Cor. 12:9-10

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3. *Expect Challenges!*

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

-James 1:2

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3. *Expect Challenges!*

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. -Genesis 50:20

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