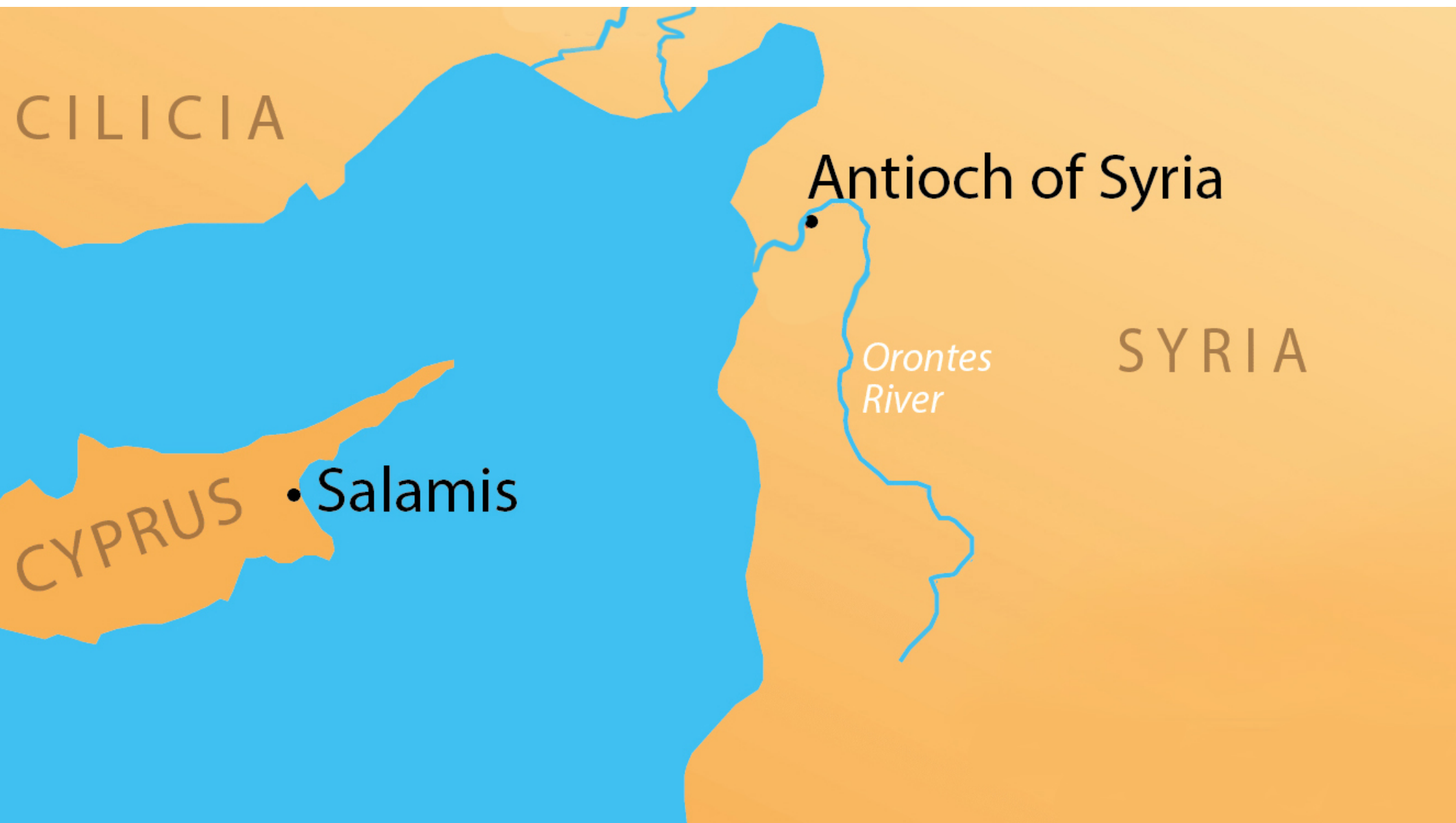


Acts 14:8-22

the book of **ACTS**

The account of the growth of the Church



CILICIA

Antioch of Syria

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Paul's 1st Missionary Journey

- Antioch
of Syria
- Seleucia
- Salamis
- Paphos
- Attalia
- Perga
- Antioch
of Pisidia
- Iconium
- Lystra
- Derbe





Sharing God's Story

When it comes to sharing God's story with others , there is no silver bullet. In these two chapters Paul and Barnabas have two very different methods of sharing the Good News about God. Likewise for us, it is helpful when we know our audience and learn to use language that they can relate to.



Bible Spoiler

We're in
Matthew 26

Sharing God's Story

Remember you're watching experts at work! What's the result? Some amazing stories but also some life threatening opposition! Don't be surprised when you experience opposition. Not everyone is going to be thrilled to hear the Good News about Jesus.

To be fair, the real failure that day was mine. My decision to remain ashore was driven entirely by self-interest and fear. Not the fear of physical harm—I knew the instructor would rescue us if we got into real trouble, but the fear of humiliation.



There is no question that my presence on the boat would not have changed the outcome, but it would have been an expression of ***loyalty and commitment to my family***. Rather than saying, “No matter what, we’re all in this together!” I said, “Good luck, you guys are on your own.”



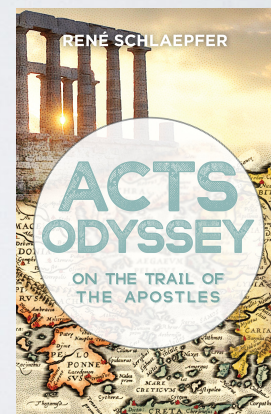
Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.



“don’t imagine that just because you go through trials, that you're doing something wrong, or God is mad at you, or that you don't have enough faith. Paul and Barnabas we're doing God's will in amazing ways, yet they have one difficulty after another. Regardless of your circumstances, and even regardless of how you got there, ***the important thing is how you're responding now***”

Rene Schlaepfer





Galatians 6:9 Let us ***not become weary in doing good***, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest ***if we do not give up.***

Hebrews 12:2 run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.