



Against the Flow

Acts 14:8-9a NIV

In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking.

Acts 14:9b-10 NIV

Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!"

At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

Acts 14:11-12 NIV

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!"

Acts 14:13 NIV

The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

Acts 14:14-15a NIV

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you."

Acts 14:15b-17 NIV

“We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.

Acts 14:15b-17 NIV

“In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”

Acts 14:18 NIV

Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Romans 12:2 Phillips

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.



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