



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 26 June 2022 Acts 13 & 14

Please read Acts 13.44-48

1. Why is the 1997 one-hit-wonder 'I get knocked down, but I get up again – you're never gonna keep me down', by pop band Chumbawamba, a fitting theme tune for Paul's life in ministry?
2. What is it that knocks Paul and Barnabas down in these verses? And what enables them to get back up again?
3. How could this approach help you to overcome opposition as you follow God in living out your faith and ministry?

Please read Acts 13. 49-52; Matthew 10.12-15

4. As the word of the Lord spreads, the opposition grows. To every spiritual action there is an 'equal' and opposite spiritual reaction. What do you notice about the changing nature of the opposition against Paul and Barnabas?
5. They get knocked down... but they get up again. What enables them to get up again – such that they are even 'filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit'?
6. How could this approach help you to overcome opposition in your journey of faith?

Please read Acts 14. 8-18

7. What do you think of the way in which Paul and Barnabas responded to the crowd in Lystra who wanted to worship them as gods?

Please read Acts 14.19-27; Hebrews 12.1-3

8. How do Paul and Barnabas get knocked down again? And what enables them to get back up again?
9. Value the Prize above the Cost – how does this help us to overcome spiritual opposition so that we can run the race marked out for us, and one day to hear our Saviour say to us... "Well done, good and faithful servant."