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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### The Price of Sharing our Faith

Acts 14

- I. Reaching Iconium – Believed by many, bullied by some (Acts 14: 1-7)
  - A. Believed and Appreciated by many (1)
  
  - B. Hated and Threatened by some Jews (2-7)
  
- II. Reaching Lystra – Admired by many, attacked by some (Acts 14:8-20)
  - A. Loved and almost worshipped: Healing a lame man (8-18)
    - Admiration can distract from the gospel as much as persecution.
  - B. Hated and almost executed; Stoned and left for dead (19-20).
    - God can protect us in any situation.
  
- III. Finishing the Trip – Evangelizing, Encouraging Empowering leaders, Reporting (Acts 14: 21-28)
  - A. Evangelizing in Derbe (21a).
  - B. Returning to cities where they were persecuted to encourage disciples (21b-22)
    - Hardship in sharing Christ is normal.
  - C. Appointing elders in each church (23).
  - D. Preaching in more cities (24-25).
  - E. Reporting to the church in Antioch – God opened the door for us (26-28)!
    - Serious opposition does not mean doors are closed, but perhaps that God is opening them!

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Open Door Bible Church 4-14-13

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