

Acts

The story of the church

The messiness of Missions and Ministry

There are circumstances where it is God's will that God's work will only be done in response to prayer and faith.

Acts 12:5 ... "So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church."

There are enemies of the cross of Christ and we need the Holy Spirit to help us stand firm.

Acts 13:10 ... "and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?"

In Jesus there is forgiveness and Freedom which cannot be found anywhere else.

Acts 13:38–39 ... "Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses."

The Holy Spirit always guides us to exalt Christ, not ourselves.

Acts 14:15 ... "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them."

The suffering Paul endured was not easy, but it was worth it for the surpassing value of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Acts 14:20 ... "But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe."

The Holy Spirit does not lead us through an easy comfortable life, but through trials into eternal paradise.

Acts 14:22 ... "strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33