

# Expanding God's Kingdom



Acts 14:19-23

Embrace, Empower, Expand Sermon Series



**GREAT ACHIEVEMENT  
IS USUALLY BORN  
OF GREAT SACRIFICE,  
AND IS NEVER THE  
RESULT OF SELFISHNESS.**

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Commitment**

# The Bottom Line

The only thing stopping the  
church is the church

19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

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.

21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

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.

23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Paul was relentless

Gets stoned

Dragged out of town

Leaves and makes disciples

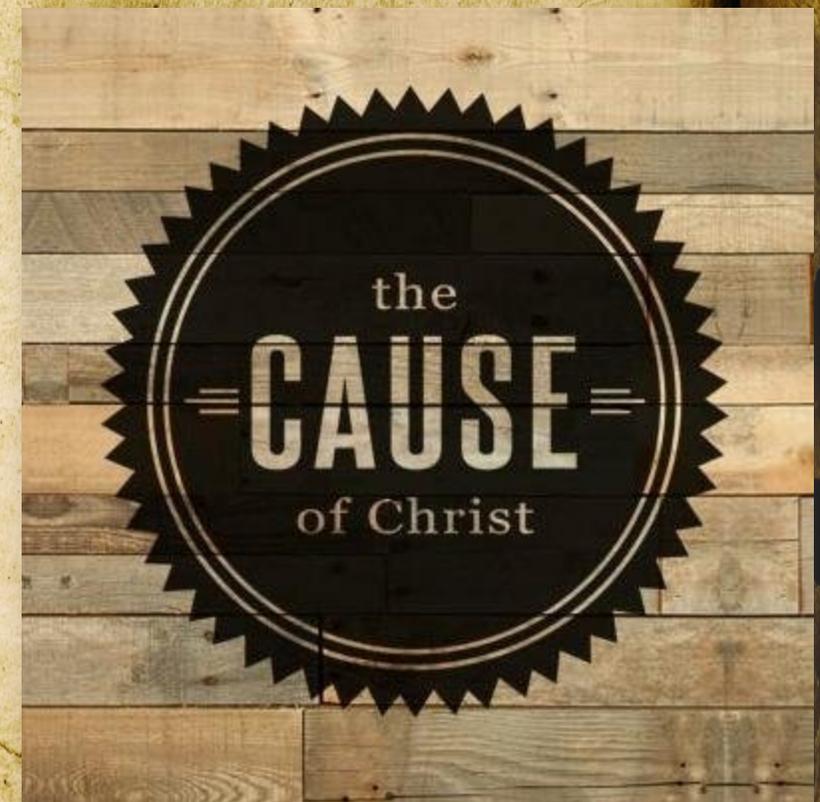
And then comes back



Paul had found worthy work

Our greatest satisfaction comes  
from worthy work  
for a worthy cause

He refused to stop  
Even after he got stoned



Kingdom expansion is about  
Saving Souls  
Disciples

Make sure you are here for kingdom  
**EXPANSION**  
not for kingdom **ENTERTAINMENT**

**KINGDOM  
EXPANSION**

Because we are committed to  
the end result

We can handle the process

The pressure

The pain

The price

**100%**  
**COMMITTED**



Note to self...

My faith will grow stronger as I focus more on Jesus instead of my pain, losses, or troubles. My mountain will shrink in size as I put my focus on my deliverer and healer. He is bigger and more powerful than anything I face.

**Sometimes your setbacks don't  
come until you get serious**

Solution to your pressure

Get help

Get stronger

Go higher



# The unstoppable church

Relentless in praying

Committed to telling people about Jesus

Faithful in giving

Selfless in serving

**UNSTOPPABLE**

# Imagine church

We came to serve  
rather than be served

we prayed for souls more than we  
prayed for a new job or car



# Imagine church

Where we wanted Jesus to be glorified  
rather than our desires satisfied

Imagine an **UNSTOPPABLE** church