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OF THE APOSTLES



Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 14:19-28



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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.

²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

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- STEPHEN IS STONED TO DEATH
- SAUL PERSECUTES CHRISTIANS

- SAUL ENCOUNTERS CHRIST ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS
- PETER RAISES DORCAS FROM THE DEAD



- CHRIST RISES FROM THE DEAD
- CHRIST ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN
- HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON THE APOSTLES
- PETER HEALS A LAME MAN

- KING HEROD HAS JAMES EXECUTED
- AN ANGEL RESCUES PETER FROM PRISON

PAUL'S
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Every Obstacle is an Opportunity



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STRENGTHENING = TO STRENGTHEN UP





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EXHORTATION: moves you to apply facts



DOCTRINE OF UNFULFILLMENT

Romans 8:23

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:17

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison...



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1 Corinthians 9:16

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!



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Application

How can we be persistent; fueled by grace?



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The image features a central graphic of a stylized flame in a vibrant orange-red hue. The flame is composed of several pointed, overlapping shapes that create a sense of movement and heat. To the right of the flame, the word "ACTS" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Above "ACTS", the word "The" is written in a smaller, elegant, cursive script. Below "ACTS", the words "OF THE APOSTLES" are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. The entire text and graphic are set against a dark, textured background with a mottled olive-green and brown color palette. The background is framed by large, stylized, light-colored shapes that resemble flames or smoke, creating a layered and dramatic effect.