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Know Thyself - γνώθι σεαυτόν
Acts 14:1-18

"It seems to me ridiculous, when I do not yet know that (myself), to investigate irrelevant things." – Socrates

"Whosoever looketh into himself and considereth what he doth when he does think, opine, reason, hope, fear, etc., and upon what grounds; he shall thereby read and know what are the thoughts and passions of all other men upon the like occasions." – Thomas Hobbes

"There are three things extremely hard, Steel, a Diamond, and to know one's self." – Benjamin Franklin

Acts 14: Know Thyself

Acts 14:1 *In Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.*

I. Handling Negative Feedback

Acts 14:2-7 *But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren. 3 Therefore they spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands. 4 But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. 5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them, 6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region; 7 and there they continued to preach the gospel.*

- They Preached (V. 1)
- They Healed (V. 3)
- They were Rejected (V. 5):

Imagine you were Paul and Barnabas:

- Serving and sacrificing and being stoned for it

II. Handling Positive Feedback

Acts 14:8-15 *At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he leaped up and began to walk. 11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us." 12 And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out 15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you 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. 16 "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." 18 Even saying these things, with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.*

- Lystra –
- They Preached: (V. 7)
- They Healed: (V. 10)
- They were Worshiped:
 - Barnabas – Zeus(chief)
 - Paul – Hermes(messenger)
 - Priest of Zeus – wanted to offer sacrifice

Imagine you were Paul and Barnabas:

- Serving and sharing and being worshiped

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. How do you see yourself? How do other people see you? How does God see you?
2. Do you know what it feels like to do what you feel called to do and have people reject you?
3. Do you know what it feels like to just do what you are supposed to do and have people worship you?
4. How would your life change if you saw yourself the way God saw you?

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