

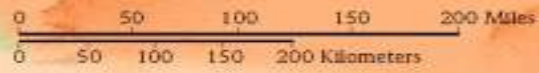
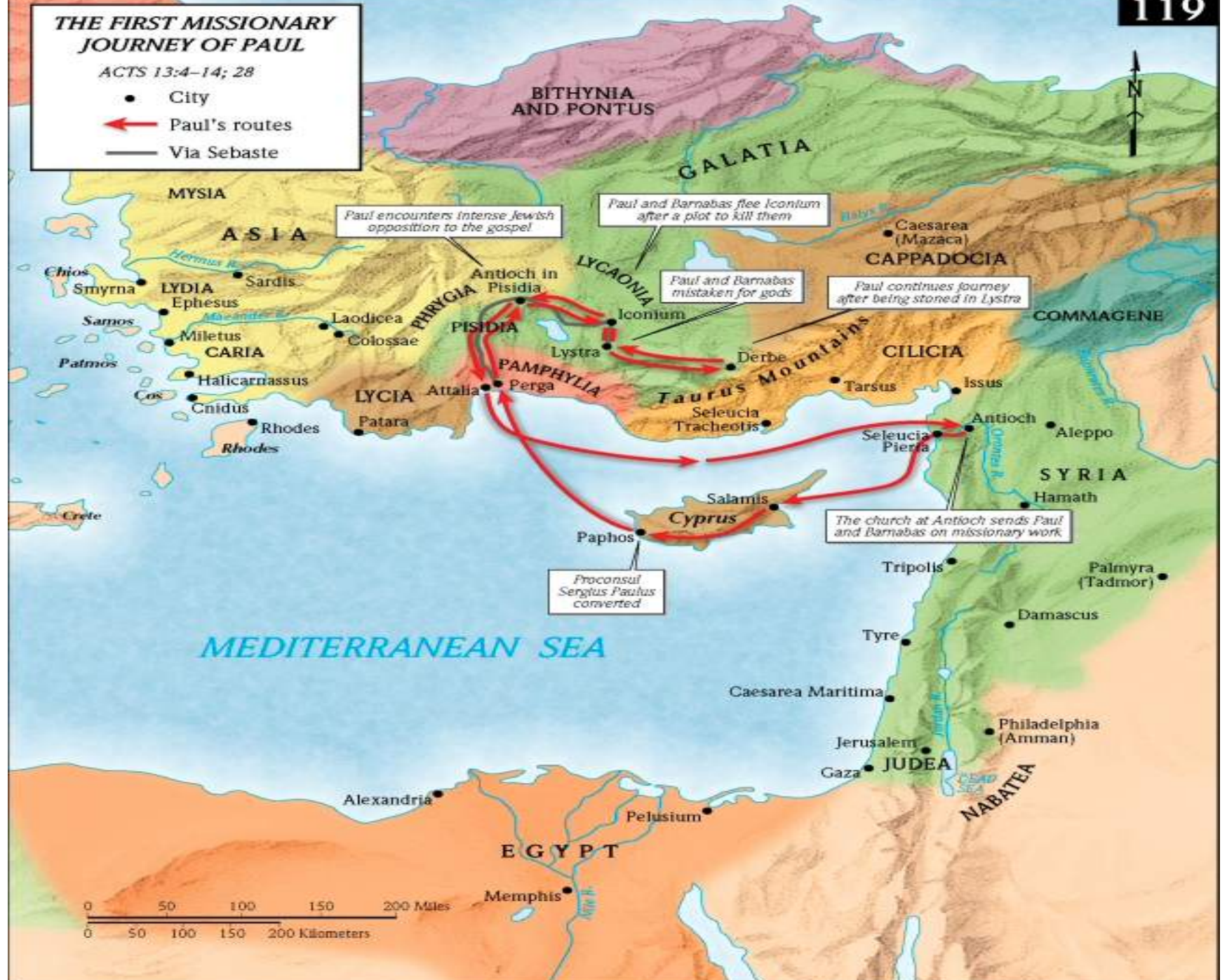
# Paul's Five Keys To Faithfulness

***1 Cor. 16:13-14***

# THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL

ACTS 13:4-14; 28

- City
- ← Paul's routes
- Via Sebaste





**THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL**  
 ACTS 15:36-18:32

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Via Egnatia
- ) Pass
- ← Route of Paul and Silas





MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK SEA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

GALATIA

ACHAIA

AEGEAN SEA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

CYRENAICA

EGYPT

NABATEA

**THE THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL**  
*ACTS 18:23-19:14*

- City
- Site of the Seven Churches of Asia
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Roads



# *Always Be Alert*

- I Cor. 16:13-14 → **Watch ye**, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 14 Let all your things be done with charity.
- *Grēgoreō* → Be on the alert (NASB); be watchful (ESV)
- Occurs 24 times in 23 verses in N.T.
- Be watchful for spiritual dangers that would threaten and destroy souls – our own and those of others.

# *Always Be Alert*

- 17 Son of man, **I have made thee a watchman** unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

# *Always Be Alert*

- 20 Again, When a righteous [man] doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous [man], that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. (Ezek. 3:17-21)
- **Therefore watch**, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. (Acts 20:31)

# *Always Be Alert*

Mat 26:41 → 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh [is] weak.

Col 4:2 → 2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

1Pe 5:8 → 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Rev 16:15 → 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Mat 25:13 → 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.



# Keep On Standing Firm

- I Cor. 16:13-14 → *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith*, quit you like men, be strong. 14 Let all your things be done with charity.
- *Stēkō* → *Keep on standing firm, persevering; persisting in truth and right doing.*
- *Word found 8 times in 8 different verses in the N.T.*
- *Stand firm in the faith (ESV); Hold tight to your convictions (MSG)*
- Ps. 1:1-3 → Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **2** But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. **3** And *he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water*, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Ps. 1:1-3)

# Keep On Standing Firm

- Gal 5:1 → Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
- Phl 1:27 → Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
- Phl 4:1 → Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.
- 1Th 3:8 → For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.
- 2Th 2:15 → 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

# Keep On Being Brave/Courageous

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- *Andrizomai* → *Quit you like men (KJV); Show courage (NET)*
- *Found only here in the KJV.*
- *Some occasions that call for courage:*
  - *Times of Persecution: II Tim. 3:12; Matt. 5:10-12*
  - *Choosing a course of action; especially when going against the majority: Dan. 1:8; Gen. 39:6-12; Prov. 1:10*
  - *When opposed by false teaching: Jude 3; Phil. 1:17; I Pet. 3:21*
  - *When faced with governmental opposition: Acts 5:29*
  - *Teaching the lost; restoring the erring: Gal. 6:1; Acts 8:1-4*

# *Keep Getting Stronger Spiritually*

- I Cor. 16:13-14 → **Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, *be strong*.** 14 Let all your things be done with charity.
- *Krataioō* → *Be strong; increase in strength.*
- *4 occurrences in the N.T. including text:*
  - Luk 1:80 → 80 And the child grew, and waxed **strong in spirit**, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.
  - Luk 2:40 → 40 And the child grew, and **waxed strong in spirit**, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.
  - Eph 3:16 → 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be **strengthened with might by his Spirit** in the inner man;

# Keep Getting Stronger Spiritually

- The word of God will build us up. (Acts 20:32)
- We are strengthened as we earnestly pray to God. (Eph. 6:18)
- We are strengthened by the promises of God and our faith in those promises. (II Pet. 1:3; Heb. 13:5-6; I Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:24-25)
- Our brethren. (Lk. 22:31-32)
- Through Christ. (Phil. 4:13; II Cor. 12:7-12)

# Let All That You Do Be Done In Love

- I Cor. 16:13-14 → **Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 14 *Let all your things be done with charity.***
- *Agapē → Love; unconquerable benevolence, undefeatable goodwill; The attitude that has the highest good for others at heart.*
- *Agape found 116 times in 106 verses in New Testament.*
- *The Holy Spirit's description in I Cor. 13:4-8a (ESV)*
  - 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
  - 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
  - 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
  - 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
  - 8 Love never ends.

# Let All That You Do Be Done In Love

Mat 22:37-39 → ..."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Rom 12:9-10 → Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection...

Eph 5:25 → Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

Tit 2:4 → and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,

Mat 7:12 → "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Mat 5:44 → But I say to you, Love your enemies ...

1Jo 4:19 → We love because he first loved us.

Jhn 14:15 → "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.