

CONTINUING IN THE FAITH

Text: Acts 14:21-23

I. THE EXHORTATION TO CONTINUE (Vs. 21-22A)

- Accompanied by 2 things:
 - Personal _____
 - Application: God never intended us to stand _____ (Philip. 1:27).
 - Personal _____
- Continuing in the faith is the same thing as continuing in the _____ of God.

II. THE _____ TO CONTINUING (Vs. 22B)

- “Much _____”
- Believers will have to fight many battles and overcome many difficulties this side of _____.
- We overcome by _____ fast on God’s Word (Col. 1:23).
- Application: If you step out of the boat by faith, you will face the winds and waves of _____.

III. THE _____ OF CONTINUING (Vs. 23)

- Paul and Barnabas took concrete steps to _____ the new believers:
 - They established local _____;
 - They ordained _____ in every church to feed the flock of God in the Word of God.
 - They _____ with fasting, commending the new believers to the Lord in their prayers.
- Three powerful resources for continuing in the faith:
 - The local _____
 - The Word of God
 - _____
- Application 1: Faithful _____ involvement will help you continue in the faith.
- Application 2: As a church, we need to make the most of the _____ of the Word and prayers if we want people to continue in the faith.
- Application 3: Are you personally making the most of these resources to stand fast in the evil day?
 - Are you daily _____ your stand in God’s Word (Eph. 6:10-13)?

- Are you praying _____ and faithfully? (Eph. 6:18)?
- Three-fold Challenge: (More specific than last week):
 - Continue in daily personal _____ in the Word.
 - Continue in daily, fervent prayers.
 - Continue faithfully and _____ in church.