### IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

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LESSON 9:

# How real is Satan?







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### **DAMASCUS:**

The Context of the mission







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### PAPHOS:

Opposition







8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith.

<sup>9</sup> Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, <sup>10</sup> "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun."

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.



#### **EPHESIANS 6**

<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

### **OPPOSITION:**

Obstacles
False religion
Tormenting thoughts



### 1 THESSALONIANS 2

18 For we wanted to come to you
 —certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—
 but Satan blocked our way.

### 1 TIMOTHY 4

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

<sup>2</sup> Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

7... I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

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# LYSTRA: Blinding Power







### ACTS 14

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language,
 "The gods have come down to us in human form!"
 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.

### ACTS 14

<sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

### ACTS 14

<sup>19</sup> Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over.

They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.



<sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

20 ...The sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

# Blinding power:

Evangelism is a spiritual battle.

Idolatry indicates demonic presence.





<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

<sup>2</sup> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God.

# How to engage:

Authority of Jesus
Power of the Holy Spirit
No shameful secrets



# COME OUT OF THE DARKNESS

# ENGAGEIN THE MISSION

# DO NOT COMPROMISE THE MISSION

### 2 TIMOTHY 4

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

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