

Great Missionary Training

Marathon Fellowship

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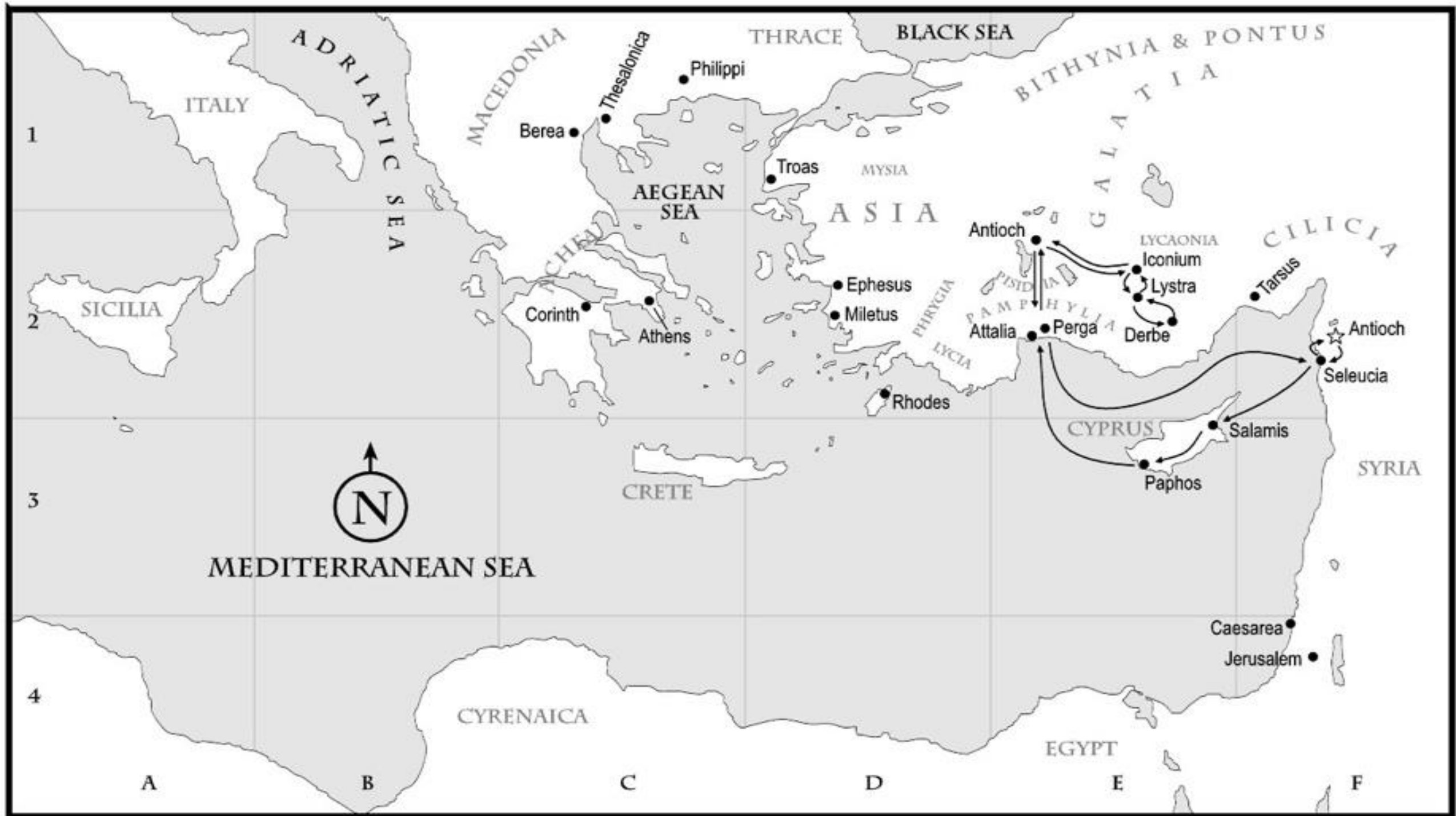
**Every heart with Christ is a missionary.
Every heart without Christ is a mission field.**

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(Acts 14:1-18)

Acts

Jerusalem		Judea and Samaria		Ends of the Earth				
				First Missionary Journey	Jerusalem Council	Second Missionary Journey	Third Missionary Journey	Trip to Rome (First Imprisonment)
1	7	8	12	13 14	15	16 18:22	18:23 21	22 28
Acts of Peter				Acts of Paul				
Jews		Samaritans		Gentiles				
2 Years (AD 33-35)		13 Years (AD 35-48)		14 Years (AD 48-62)				



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Acts 14:8–10 (NIV84)

⁸In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked.

⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking.

**Paul looked directly at him,
saw that he had faith to be healed**

¹⁰and called out,

“Stand up on your feet!”

At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

Acts 14:11–13 (NIV84)

¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!”

¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.

¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

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Ecclesiastes 2:24–25 (NIV84)

**A man can do nothing better than to eat and
drink and find satisfaction in his work.
This too, I see, is from the hand of God,
²⁵for without him,
who can eat or find enjoyment?**

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1 Thessalonians 1:9b (NIV84)

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“Spirit-led Evangelism” (Acts 8:26-39)

Pastor Chuck Swindoll, April 14, 2024

- 1) Be sensitive.**
- 2) Be available.**
- 3) Be proactive—initiate conversation.**
- 4) Be tactful**
- 5) Be precise—focus on Jesus.**