

Sermon Title: "REPORTING HOME"

Date: September 3, 2023 - Acts 14:26-28

Central Idea: Praying Christians rejoice in hearing of ministry victories. Do you pray and rejoice when you hear what God is doing?

Introduction: Acts 14 ends with the return of Paul and Barnabas to the city where they began the first missionary journey. The Christians in Syrian Antioch had commissioned them to preach the gospel to the Gentiles in the Greco-Roman world (Acts 13:1-3). They had completed their mission, and they told their friends all about it!

Paul and Barnabas reported to the home church.

- 1. Return to Antioch v. 26**
- 2. Report in Antioch v. 27**
- 3. Rest in Antioch v. 28**

Conclusion: How long the apostles had been away is difficult to determine, but it is estimated that this first missionary journey lasted approximately two years (A.D. 46-48). The church had committed the missionaries to the grace of God, supported them in prayer, and trusted the Lord to extend His church through their work.