

**Derbe and the Return Journey:  
How Churches Are Made Strong  
Acts 14:21–28**

**1 Task 1:**

***Preach the good news  
and make disciples***

21 They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,

**2 Task 2:**

***Be committed  
to strengthening the church***

a. By strengthening believers

b. By encouraging believers

c. By warning of persecution

d. By organizing elders

1) Appointing

2) Praying and fasting

3) Committing them  
to the Lord

22 Strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

23 Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

24 After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia,

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

27 On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

e. By visiting all around  
and preaching the Word

**3 Conclusion:**

***Reviving one’s own spirit***

28 And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.