

# The Moment Has Arrived

**Acts 13:1-12**

# Erwin McManus

“We somehow think that the Church is here for us; we forget that we are the Church, and we’re here for the world.”

# John Piper

**“The book of Acts is a constant indictment of mere maintenance Christianity. It’s a constant goad and encouragement and stimulation to fan the flame of Advent—‘The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.’**

# Made for His GLORY

he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love<sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,<sup>6</sup> **to the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:4-6 )

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,<sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ **might be to the praise of his glory.** ( Ephesians 1:11-12 )

# Fasting

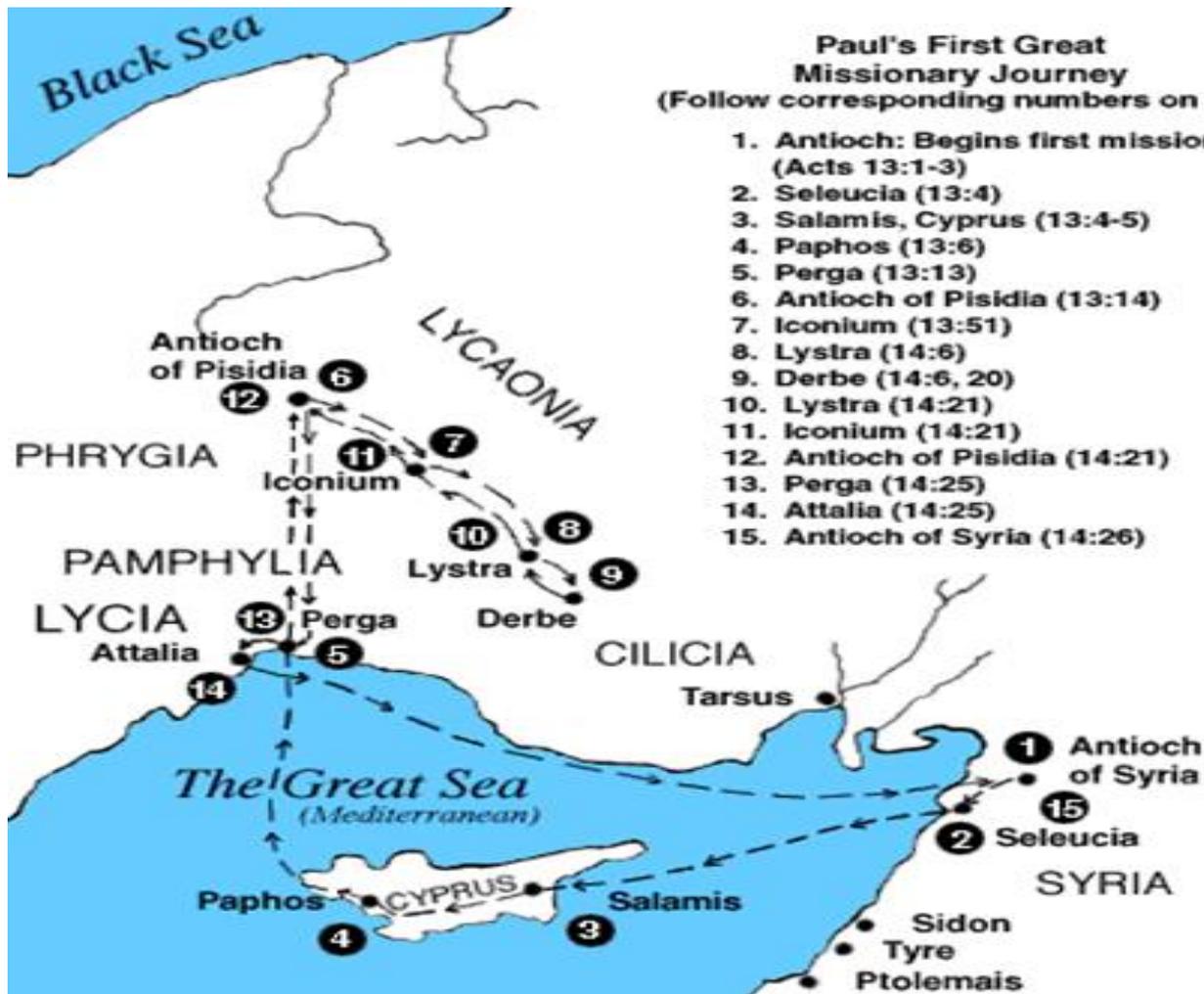
Someone sets food aside in order **to concentrate on seeking God about the matter**. Biblical fasting means more than just abstaining from food; it means to abstain from food in order to concentrate upon God and His answer to a particular matter. Biblical fasting involves **prayer, intense supplication before God**

# Service

2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be **found faithful.** (1Corinthians 4:2 )

10 As each has received a gift, **use it to serve one another,** as good stewards of God's varied grace: (1 Peter 4:10 )

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, **be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,** knowing that in the Lord your **labor is not in vain.** (1 Corinthians 15:58 )



**Paul's First Great Missionary Journey**  
 (Follow corresponding numbers on map.)

1. Antioch: Begins first mission (Acts 13:1-3)
2. Seleucia (13:4)
3. Salamis, Cyprus (13:4-5)
4. Paphos (13:6)
5. Perga (13:13)
6. Antioch of Pisidia (13:14)
7. Iconium (13:51)
8. Lystra (14:6)
9. Derbe (14:6, 20)
10. Lystra (14:21)
11. Iconium (14:21)
12. Antioch of Pisidia (14:21)
13. Perga (14:25)
14. Attalia (14:25)
15. Antioch of Syria (14:26)

# Satan

In their case **the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers**, to keep them from seeing the light of the **gospel of the glory of Christ**, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4 )

# Galatians 1:7+8

There are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, **let him be accursed**

# Jeremiah 14:14-16

14 And the LORD said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. **I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them.** They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds. 15 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name although **I did not send them,** and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not come upon this land': By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword, with none to bury them-- them, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. **For I will pour out their evil upon them.**

**1. The decreed will of God.** This is the eternal, predestined, foreordained plan and purpose of God. It cannot be changed or thwarted. This is hidden UNTIL it happens

**2. The preceptive or command will of God.** This includes the commandments or precepts found in the Bible

**3. The preferential will of God His will of disposition.** This will describes God's attitude or disposition towards something. It tells us what is pleasing to Him—what gives God pleasure, and what does not.

# What Will Decree/Preception/Disposition

9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish**, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9 )

11 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live**; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11 )

# God's Power

16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is **the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ( Romans 1:16 )

# Victory

**57 But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.**

**(1Corinthians 15:57)**

# Acts 26:18

to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

(Act 26:18 )

# 2 Timothy 4:18

**18 The Lord will rescue me  
from every evil deed and  
bring me safely into his  
heavenly kingdom. To him be  
the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**