



UNTIL THE END SENT

The Book of Acts

What we have seen so far in Acts

Extraordinary Acts

Everyday believers, prepared by prayer, filled with the Holy Spirit, can share the Good News with boldness!

Scattered

The gospel spreads when God's people gather and scatter.

The Unexpected Catch

Behind every act of obedience there is a message of love.

One Church

The world will know we belong to Christ by our love for one another.

An Unkown God

In a culture full of competing visions of life, God's vision is far more compelling.

What if God Answered Your Prayers?

We need to believe that God will answer our prayers when we align our will to His will.

What was Luke doing?

¹⁵ The brothers and sisters in Rome had heard **we were coming**, and they came **to meet us** at the Forum on the Appian Way. Others **joined us** at The Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he was encouraged and thanked God. ¹⁶ When **we arrived** in Rome, Paul was permitted to have his own private lodging, though he was guarded by a soldier.

Acts 28:15–16

Not Just Luke

When the time came, **we set sail** for Italy. Paul and several other prisoners were placed in the custody of a Roman officer named Julius, a captain of the Imperial Regiment. ² **Aristarchus**, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was also with us.

Acts 27:1–2

Never Alone

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. ²⁴ So do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and **Luke, my co-workers.**

Philemon 23–24

Never Alone

⁴ Several men were traveling with him. They were **Sopater** son of Pyrrhus from Berea; **Aristarchus** and **Secundus** from Thessalonica; **Gaius** from Derbe; **Timothy**; and **Tychicus** and **Trophimus** from the province of Asia. ⁵ They went on ahead and **waited for us** at Troas. ⁶ After the Passover ended, **we boarded** a ship at Philippi in Macedonia and five days later joined them in Troas, where **we stayed** a week.

Acts 20:4–6

Stick with the plan

⁹ Timothy, please come as soon as you can.

¹⁰ Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. ¹¹ **Only Luke is with me.** Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

2 Timothy 4:9–12

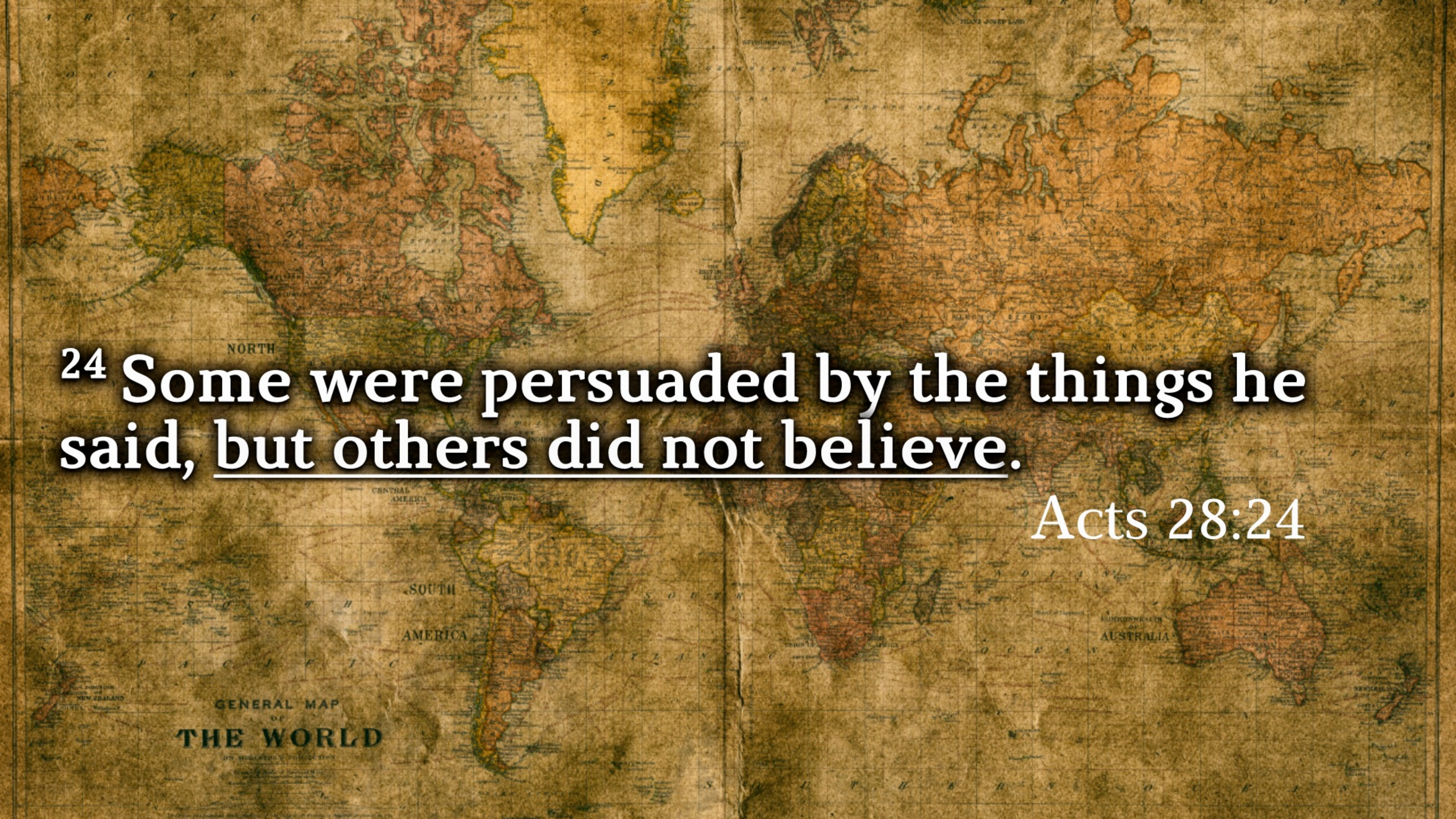
The Great Commission

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, **even to the end of the age.**”

Matthew 28:18–20

²⁰ I asked you (the Jews in Rome) to come here today so we could get acquainted and so I could explain to you that I am bound with this chain because I believe that the hope of Israel—the Messiah—has already come.” ²¹ They replied, “We have had no letters from Judea or reports against you from anyone who has come here. ²² But we want to hear what you believe, **for the only thing we know about this movement is that it is denounced everywhere.**”

Acts 28:20–22

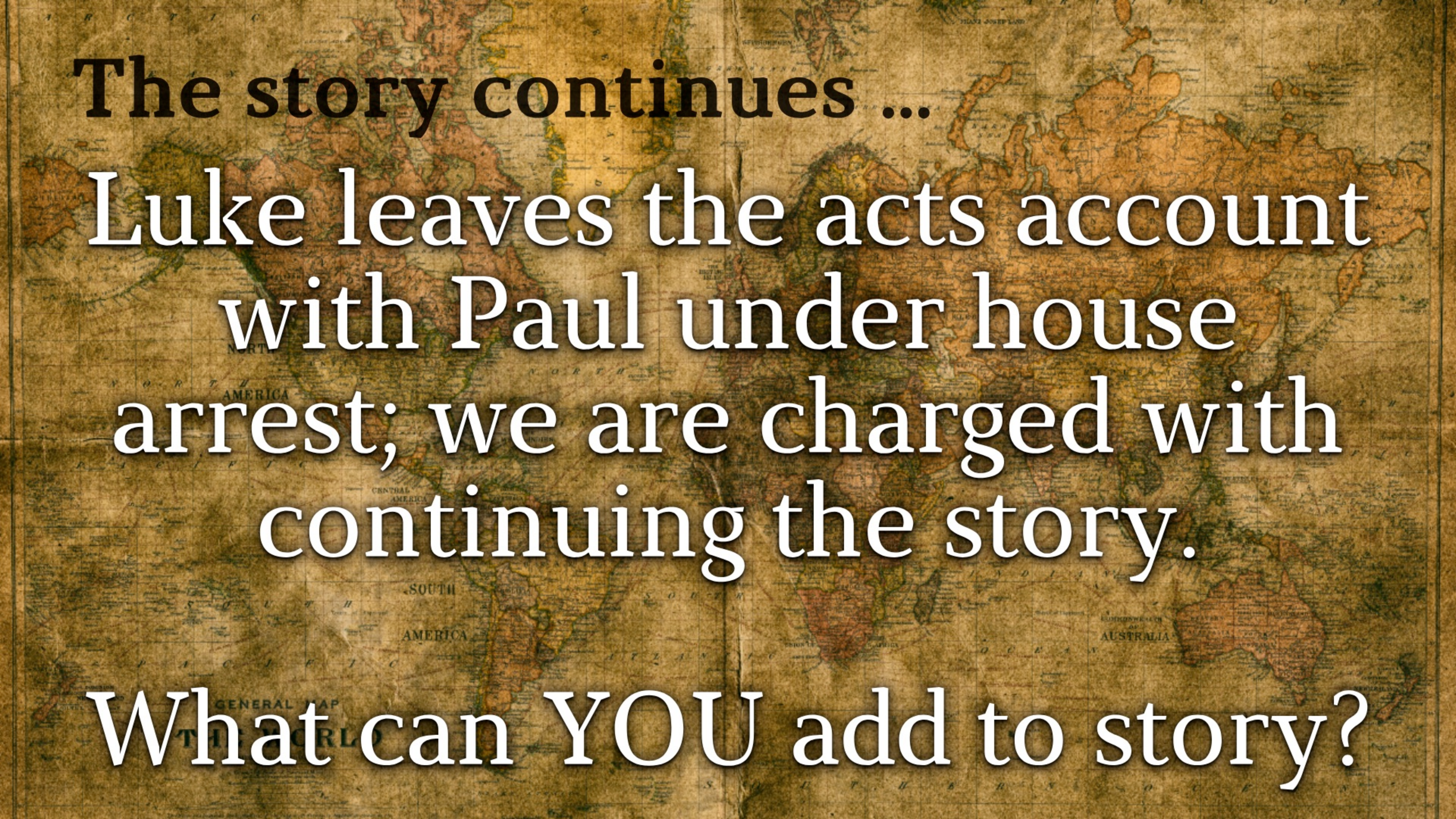


²⁴ Some were persuaded by the things he said, but others did not believe.

Acts 28:24

²⁸ So I want you to know that this salvation from God has also been offered to the Gentiles, and they will accept it.” ³⁰ For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, ³¹ boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. **And no one tried to stop him.**

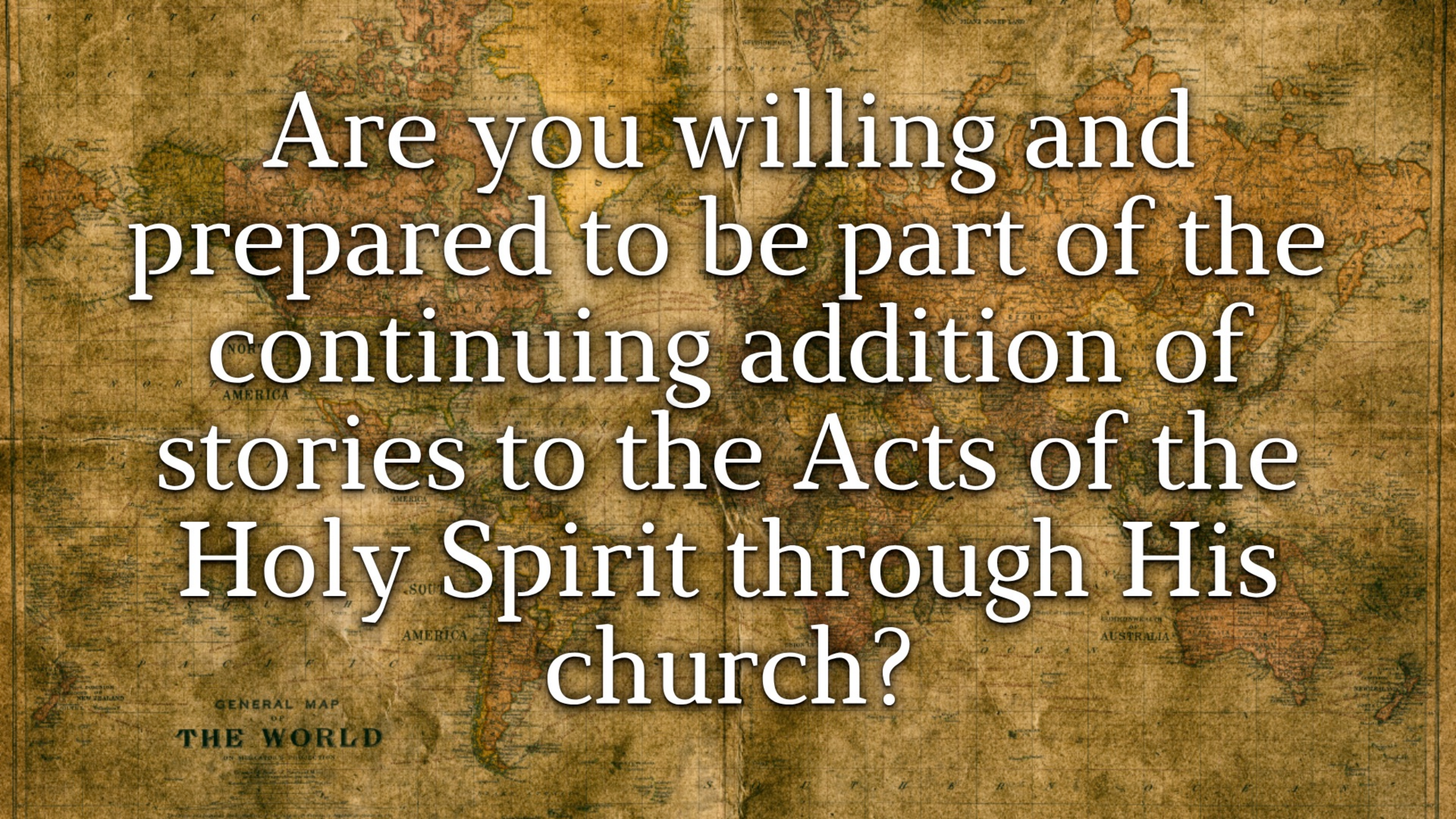
Acts 28:28–31



The story continues ...

**Luke leaves the acts account
with Paul under house
arrest; we are charged with
continuing the story.**

What can YOU add to story?



Are you willing and
prepared to be part of the
continuing addition of
stories to the Acts of the
Holy Spirit through His
church?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Why do you think Luke was able to put aside his own agenda and be such a loyal companion to Paul?
2. Read Acts 27: 13 – 44. In that situation, how would YOU have re-evaluated the decision to stay with Paul for the journey to Rome?
3. Are you willing to be part of a team that plants churches to help reach the people of Frankston and Casey? If so, what can you add to the team?