

**Date: July 31, 2016**

**Sermon Title: God's Faithfulness and Our Finishing**

**Speaker: Richard Smith**

**Scripture text(s): Acts 14:19-28**

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- 1) Do I make an effort to focus on being productive for Christ?
- 2) Do I strengthen weak believers or do I take the "shortest and easiest route" and worry about my comfort?
- 3) When I tell people about the sufferings I go through do I emphasize that God carried me through them?
- 4) Discuss some times in your life when you've taken the "shortest and easiest route." What were some consequences and results?
- 5) What action plans can you take to avoid taking the "shortest and easiest route?"
- 6) How are you being disciplined right now? How are you disciplining someone else? How can you help fortify someone else in the faith?
- 7) How do you make prayer and fasting an ongoing part of your life? If it's not an ongoing part of your life, what changes do you need to make in order to move in that direction?
- 8) Richard mentioned that in Acts 14:28 Paul never mentions his suffering but only tells of the work God did through them. What type of speech characterizes you--speaking about the work of God or complaints about your suffering? Depending on your answer, what does this say about your relationship with Christ?