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*“...of all nations...”*

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the **good news** that Jesus is the Messiah.

**Acts 5:42 NIV**

And **Saul** approved of their killing him.

**Acts 8:1 NIV**

...On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout **Judea** and **Samaria**.

**Acts 8:1 NIV**

# The Road to Damascus



Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord & encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

**Acts 9:31 NIV**

Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and **eat**.” “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

**Acts 10:13-15 NIV**

...“You are well aware that it is against our **law** for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

**Acts 10:28 NIV**

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show **favoritism**...

**Acts 10:34 NIV**

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out **even** on Gentiles.

**Acts 10:45 NIV**

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, **even to Gentiles** God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**Acts 11:18 NIV**

**We can't afford to stay in  
theological entrenchments that  
create distance and make  
enemies of the very people we  
are called to reach.**

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as **Phoenicia**, **Cyprus** and **Antioch**, spreading the word **only among Jews**.

**Acts 11:19 NIV**



Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to **Greeks** also, telling them the **good news** about the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 11:20 NIV**

The Lord's hand was with them,  
and a great number of people  
believed and turned to the Lord.

**Acts 11:21 NIV**

Now in the church at **Antioch** there were prophets & teachers: While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said**, “Set apart for me Barnabas & Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

**Acts 13:1-2 NIV**

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and **sent them off.**

**Acts 13:3 NIV**

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

**Acts 14:27 NIV**

We will never be who God  
wants us to be, do what God  
wants us to do, or achieve what  
God wants us to achieve  
by staying where we are.

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance

**Acts 28:30-31 NIV**

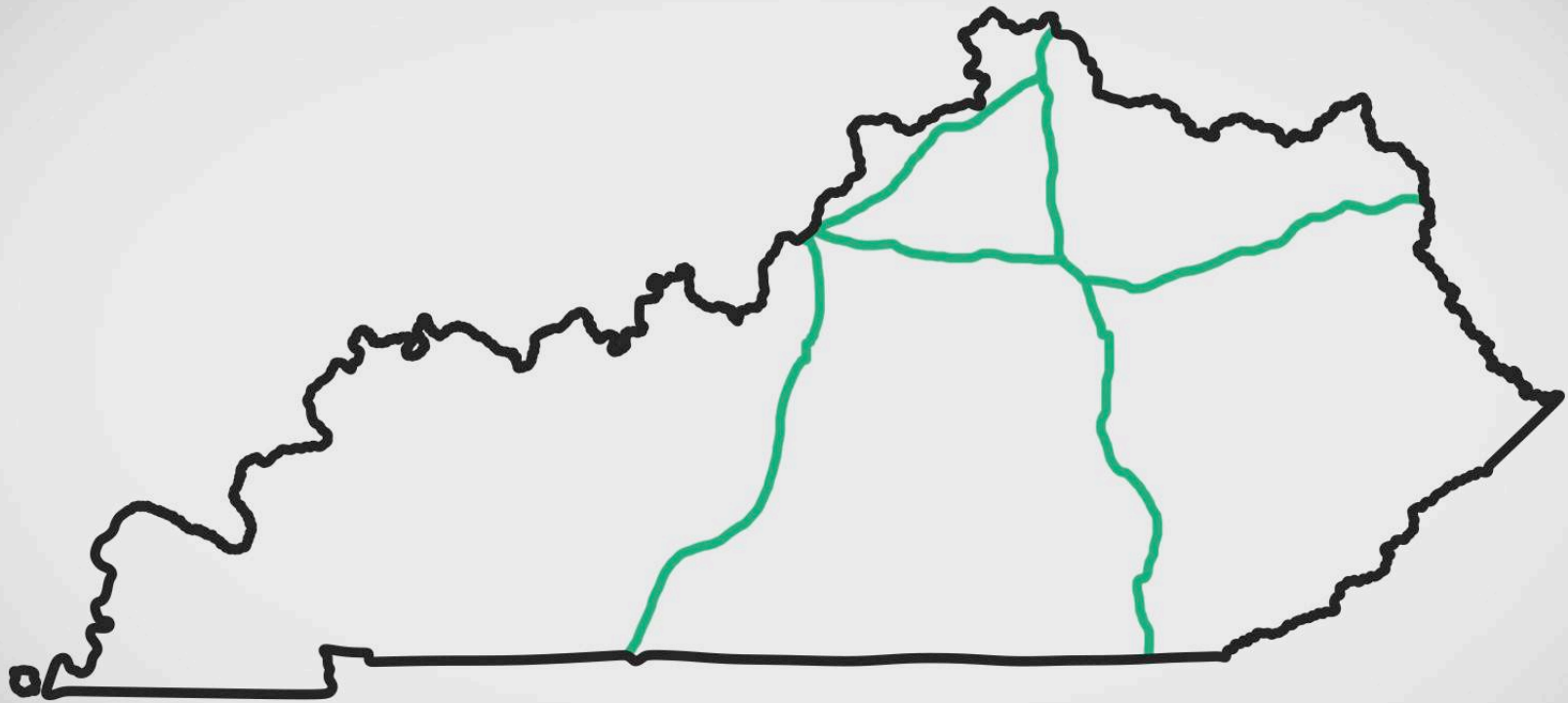
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