

FACING OPPOSITION

Acts 13:1-12



JOHN 15:18 (NLT)

If the world hates you, remember that it **hated me first**.



1 JOHN 3:13 (NIV)

So **don't be surprised**, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.



LUKE 6:22 (NIV)

Blessed are you **when** people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.



2 TIMOTHY 3:12 (NIV)

In fact, **everyone** who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted



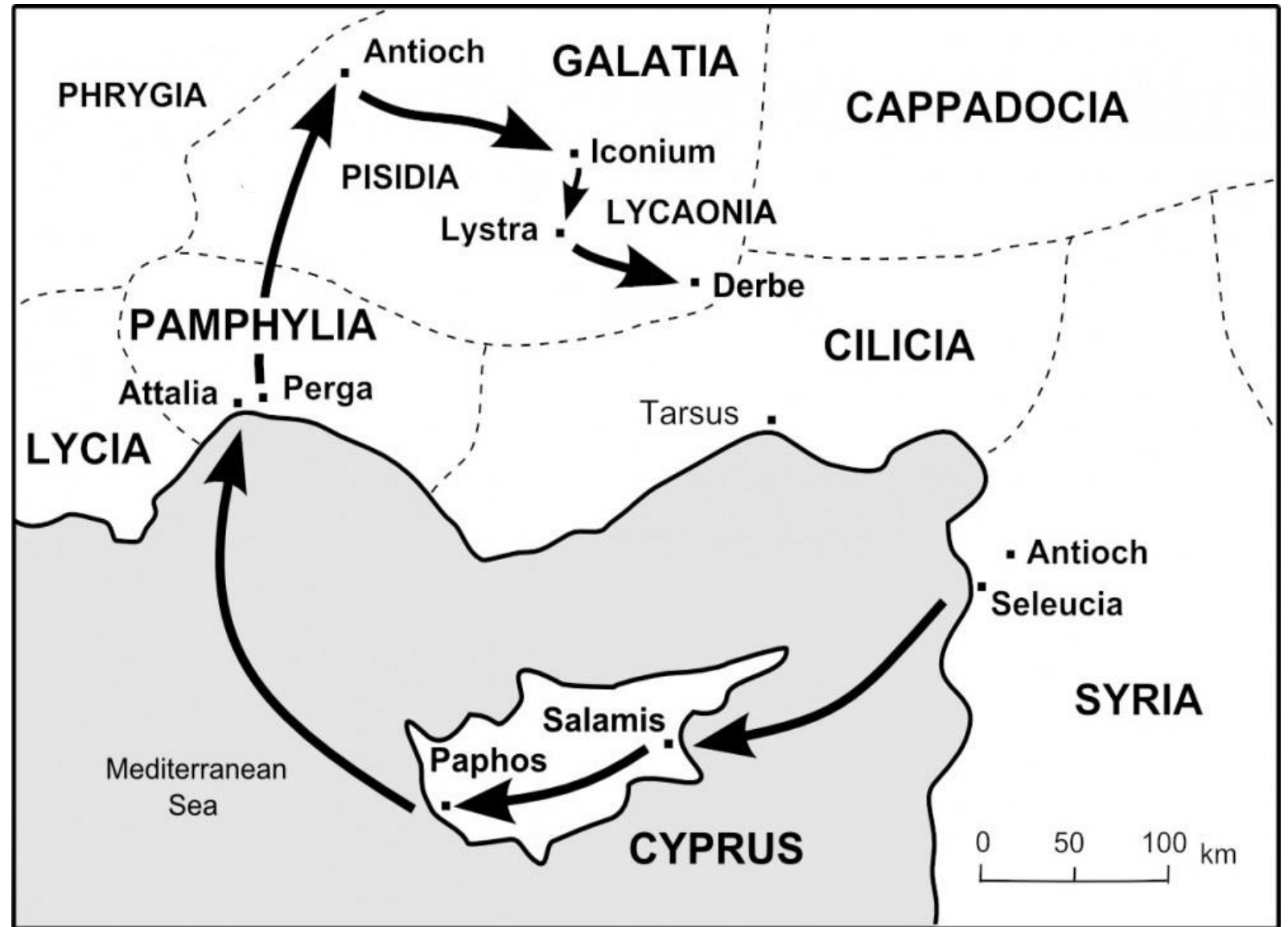
ACTS 13:1-3 (NIV)

[1] Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. [2] **While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting**, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” [3] So after they had **fasted and prayed**, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.



ACTS 13:4-5 (NIV)

[4] The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. [5] When they arrived at **Salamis**, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.



ACTS 13:6-8 (NIV)

[6] They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, [7] who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. [8] But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and **tried to turn the proconsul from the faith.**



ACTS 13:9-10 (NIV)

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ACTS 13:11-12 (NIV)

[11] Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.” Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. [12] When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.



TITUS 2:7-8 (ESV)

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.



LUKE 12:51-53 (NIV)

[51] Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but **division**. [52] From now on there will be five in one family **divided** against each other, three against two and two against three. [53] They will be **divided**, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

