

# What Every Christian Needs

Acts 14:21-23

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*Acts 14:22a; see also Acts 15:32, 41; 18:23; 1 Thessalonians 3:2-3*

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*Acts 14:22b; see also Acts 11:23; Hebrews 3:13; 10:25*

• To \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 13:21; John 16:33; Philippians 1:29; 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4;  
2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 2:21; 4:12*

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*Matthew 10:22; 24:13; 1 Corinthians 15:2; Colossians 1:22-23;  
2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 3:1*

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*Acts 14:23a; see also Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-2*

*What do elders do?*

• They \_\_\_\_\_ the church (1 Peter 5:3).

• They \_\_\_\_\_ the church (Titus 1:9).

• They \_\_\_\_\_ the church (Acts 20:28).

• They \_\_\_\_\_ the church (James 5:14).

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*Acts 14:23b; see also Acts 13:3; 20:32*

## Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Who do you consider to be a spiritual “parent” to you? What younger Christian(s) do you feel personally responsible for?
2. In what areas of your life are you tempted to trust your feelings more than God’s word? What specific passages of Scripture can you meditate on to help stabilize you when you are haunted by anxious thoughts?
3. What truth do the following passages emphasize: John 16:33; Philippians 1:29; 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4; 1 Peter 2:21? Were you given this perspective as a new Christian? Why do you think God wants us to be forewarned about trials?
4. Read Matthew 10:22; 1 Corinthians 15:2; Colossians 1:22-23; 2 Timothy 2:12 and Hebrews 3:1. What is the central point that each of these passages makes? How does this truth mesh with other truths you have been taught about salvation?
5. Do you feel that you are being “shepherded” right now? In what ways is your need for shepherding being met? In what ways is that need presently unfulfilled?
6. Have you ever fasted and prayed for a brother or sister in Christ? When? Why?