

# FICKLENESS

Acts 14:8-20

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## Acknowledgement

- Our text & theme this morning has been given to me by one of our web listeners.
- This web listener has given me permission to share this insight with you and with our other web listeners to which we say....
- ***May her tribe increase...***

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Verse 8-10

- ❑ **“The Ideal Conditions”** to be an effective preacher
  - a) The visible healing power of God in action.
  - b) Gives undeniable credibility to the preacher’s word
  - c) What a way to get and keep people’s attention?

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Verse 11

Describe what most preachers and communicators

## “Would Give Anything For”

- a) You have the audience eating out of your hand
- b) You have gained their *approval / acceptance*
- c) You have won over public opinion you're  
*“Riding on the crest of a wave “*

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Verse 12-13

- ❑ You have moved away beyond  
*“acceptances, appreciation, approval”* (v12)
- ❑ You have now reach the stage in  
the public mindset where people want...  
**“ to worship the ground you walk on”**
- ❑ Barnabas and Paul had what we call today  
**“Celebrity Status”**

**HYPE Hysteria Frenzy**

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Verse 14-18

## ▪ Restraining The Frenzy

### □ Then ... v19

□ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and **won the crowd over.**

□ They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. v19

# FICKLENESS OF MAN

- How can people **change so quickly** going from one extreme to another?
- One minute they want to worship you and the next minute they are stoning you to death?
- Here we have the **ever present** *fickleness* of man
- One day they call you God the next day they stone you

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- How do we **deal** with this “ever present fickleness of man”?

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- 14) But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:
- 15) “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.

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19. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.
20. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city.  
The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

# FOR YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

- Reminder of the ever **present fickleness** of man.
- One day they call you God the next day they stone you.
- The more things change the more they stay the same.
- Therefore never let us get **lifted up** by praise or too **downcast** by insults and disrespect.
- **Man's opinion is fickle and worthless.**

