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A SUMMER STROLL THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS





ELDER PROPST



ELDER TUTTLE

“We tried to build those relationships with him so if there ever was a chance for him to decide, ‘Do I kill these guys or do I let these guys go,’ hopefully the friendship we had tried to establish would save our lives.”

(Andrew Propst, as quoted in Wendy Leonard’s article *Mormon Missionaries Kidnapped in Russia 15 Years Ago Reunite to Tell Faith-Filled Story* on [deseretnews.com](http://deseretnews.com), August 16, 2012)









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(Andrew Propst, as quoted in Jennifer Moody’s article *Andrew Propst: Mission Work Worth the Risk* on [democratherald.com](http://democratherald.com), June 6, 2014)

“We just had this amazing lift of burden from our shoulders. ‘You can take our bodies, but you can’t take our minds.’ We were definitely free, in our head.”

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Acts 13:32-39 (ESV): “And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, **33** this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’ **34** And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’ **35** Therefore he says also in another psalm, ‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’...”



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“...**36** For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, **37** but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. **38** Let it be known to you therefore, brother, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, **39** and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.”



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John 3:36 (ESV): “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.”

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Acts 13:44-49 (ESV): “The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. **45** But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. **46** And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles....”



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“...**47** For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”” **48** And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. **49** And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.”



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Acts 14:8-10 (ESV): “Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. **9** He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, **10** said in a loud voice, ‘Stand upright on your feet.’ And he sprang up and began walking.”

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John 8:48 (ESV): “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”



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Luke 10:33 (ESV): “But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.”



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# Main Points

WHILE OTHERS

DEHUMANIZE,

PAUL

SEES HUMAN EYES.



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Acts 14:11-18 (ESV): “And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, ‘The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!’ **12** Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. **13** And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. **14** But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, **15** ‘Men, why are you doing these things?...”

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“...We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. **16** In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. **17** Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.’ **18** Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.”



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Hebrews 2:17 (NCV): “For this reason Jesus had to be made like his brothers and sisters in every way so he could be their merciful and faithful high priest in service to God. Then Jesus could die in their place to take away their sins.”



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# Applications

AS YOU PLUNGE INTO THE

SEA OF HUMANITY,

SEE THE HUMANITY.



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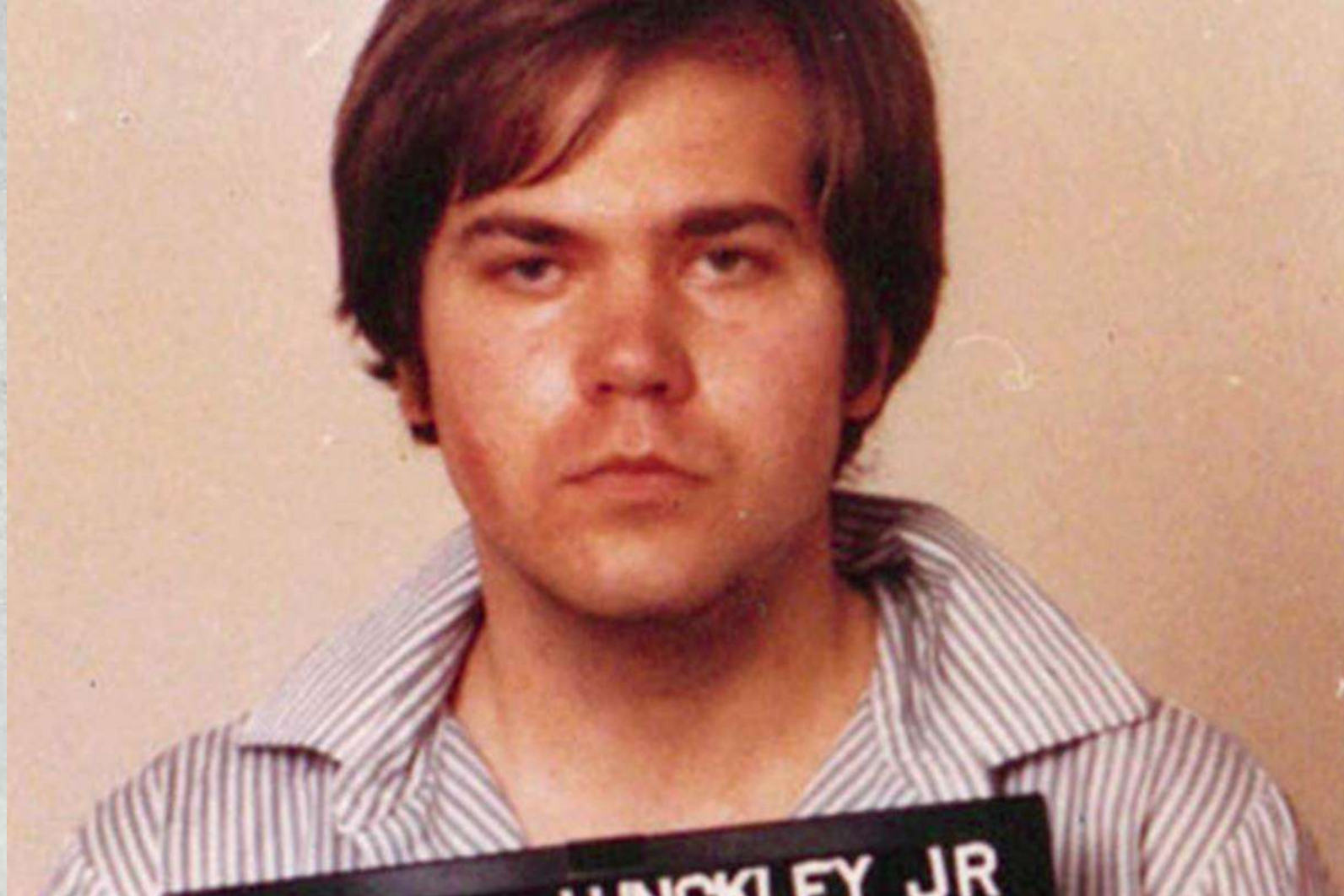
Colossians 3:11 (ESV): “Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.”

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1 Corinthians 9:20-22 (ESV): “To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.”



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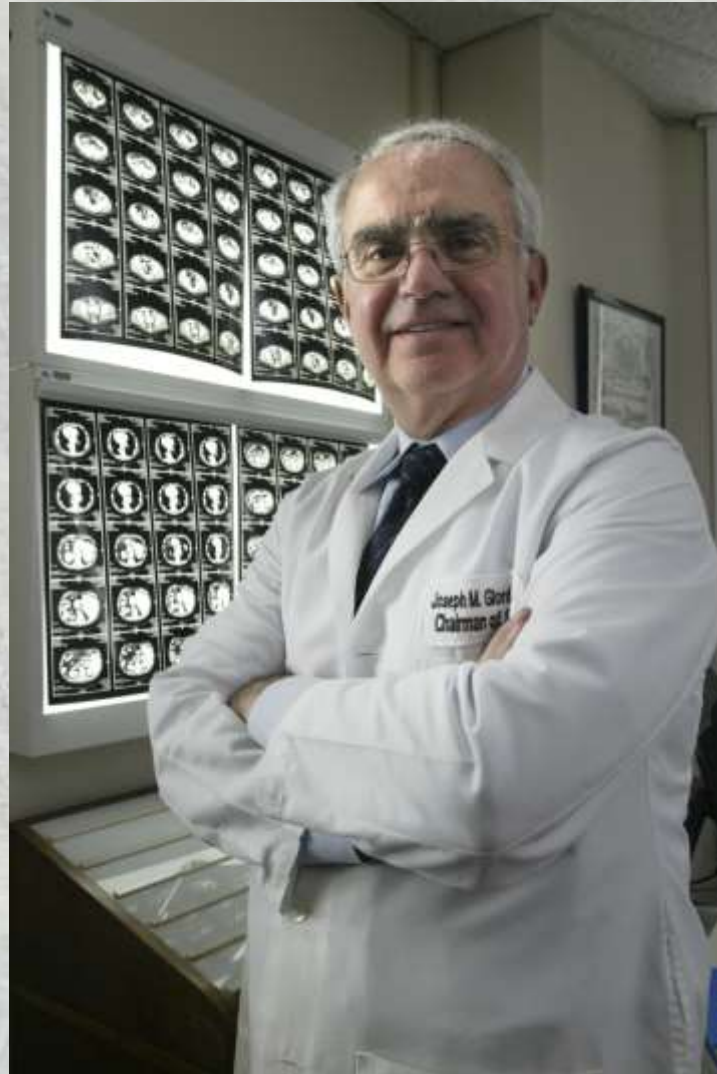


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Acts 14:19-20 (ESV): “But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. **20** But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.”

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Acts 14:27 (ESV): “And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.”

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NEXT WEEK: ACTS CHAPTER FIFTEEN