**Pillars Week 4**

***Commandments*** *informing* ***Commission*** *impacting* ***Culture****.*

Acts 14:21-22 *“After preaching in that city [Derbe] and making many disciples they returned to Lystra and Iconium and to Antioch 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to persist in the faith and that through many tribulations it is necessary to enter in to the Kingdom of God.”*

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**Mission.**

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**Maturing.**

*“…strengthening the souls of the disciples…”*

Acts 15:32 *“And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and* ***strengthened*** *the brothers with many words.”*

Acts 15:41 *“And he [Paul] went through Syria and Cilicia,* ***strengthening*** *the churches.”*

Acts 18:23 *“After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia,* ***strengthening*** *all the disciples.”*

**Modeling.**

*“…exhorting them…”*

Acts 20:9-12 *“And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.* *But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.**And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little* ***comforted****.”*

**Maintain.**

*“…to persist in the faith…”*

**Mindset.**

*“…and that through many tribulations it is necessary to enter in to the Kingdom of God.”*

James 1:2-4 *“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,* *for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.* *And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

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