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- **Spirit Empowered**
- **Courageous & Compassionate**
- **Holy**
- **A Faithful Witness**
- **Radically Inclusive**
- **Grace-Shaped**



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**Are you following Jesus in a way
that helps others
follow Him?**



Acts 9:19-25



Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"

Acts 9:19-25



All who heard him were amazed. “Isn’t this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus’ followers in Jerusalem?” they asked. “And didn’t he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?”

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Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. After a while some of the Jews plotted together to kill him. They were watching for him day and night at the city gate so they could murder him, but Saul was told about their plot. So during the night, some of the other believers lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the city wall.

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**Anyone who belongs to Christ has
become a new person. The old life
is gone; a new life has begun!**

2 Cor. 5:17



**An UNSTOPPABLE CHURCH
makes room for people to
grow**



Acts 9:26-30

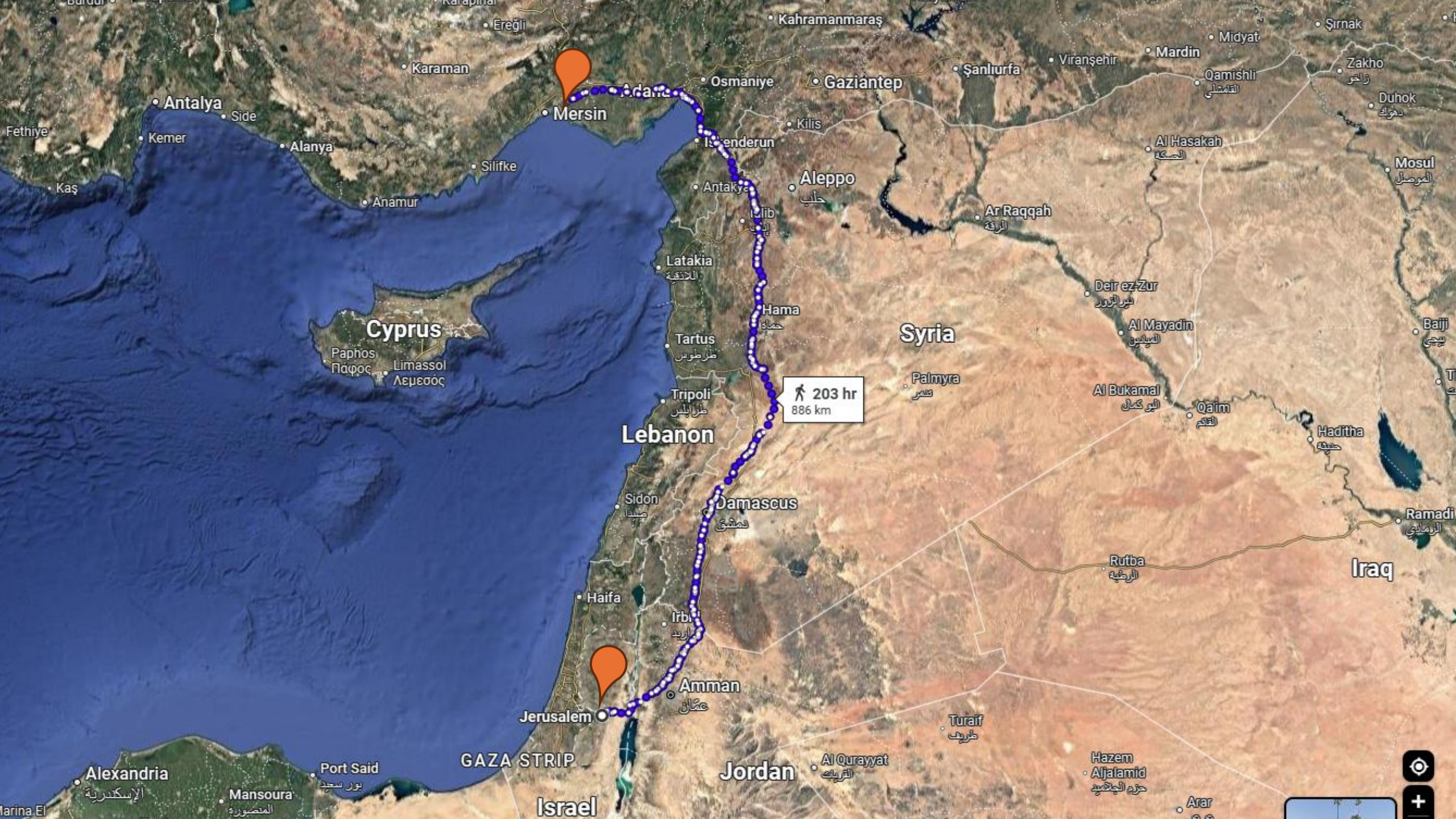


When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus.

Acts 9:26-30



So Saul stayed with the apostles and went all around Jerusalem with them, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. He debated with some Greek-speaking Jews, but they tried to murder him. When the believers heard about this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus, his hometown.



Mersin

Cyprus

Lebanon

Syria

Iraq

Jordan

Israel

203 hr
886 km

Gaziantep

Aleppo

Antakya

Latakia

Hama

Tartus

Tripoli

Damascus

Sidon

Haifa

Irbid

Amman

Jerusalem

GAZA STRIP

Alexandria

Mansoura

Port Said

Al Qurayyat

Hazem
Al Jalamid

Arar

Arar

Ramadi

Haditha

Qaim

Al Bukamal

Deir ez-Zur

Ar Raqqa

Al Hasakah

Midyat

Mardin

Viranşehir

Şanlıurfa

Kahramanmaraş

Osmaniye

Mersin

Karaman

Alanya

Side

Kemer

Antalya

Kaş

Fethiye

**Conversion can happen in a
moment.**

**Discipleship happens over a
lifetime.**



Discipleship is Apprenticeship



Acts 11:22-23



When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.

Acts 11:24-26



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**An UNSTOPPABLE CHURCH trains
people to follow Jesus, not just
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**An UNSTOPPABLE CHURCH sends
disciples into the mission.**



Acts 13: 1-4



Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul.

Acts 13: 1-4



One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

Acts 13: 1-4



So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit. They went down to the seaport of Seleucia and then sailed for the island of Cyprus.

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