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Acts 14:1-7

In 1943, an attack on the East Coast of the United States by German submarines seemed far too likely. My dad was one of hundreds of young men who flew naval patrols over the Atlantic from the U.S. Marine base at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Dad also told me of a different battle fought at the town near the base. It was flooded with thousands of marines and sailors. When they came to town, for far too many, their only purpose was to party. Dad, however, saw something different. Every Friday night an older man from the community would go to the busiest intersection downtown, fall to his knees, and pray for the physical and spiritual safety of each of the young people there. As the battle raged around him, he fought the battle of Cherry Point, and lives were changed.

Paul and Barnabas proclaimed Good News while the battle for the hearts and minds of men and women were raging all around them. In the cities and hill country, God used them as instruments of His miraculous grace. Are we ready to be God's instruments today?

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