



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

### Sermon Based Questions

**Series:** You will be my witnesses

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

#### **Trial upon trial**

*28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" 29 Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains." Acts 26:28-29*

1. Paul is innocent (Acts 23:23-29)
2. Trial before Felix (Acts 24:1-21)
3. Trial before Festus (Acts 25:6-12)
4. Trial before Festus and Agrippa (Acts 26:32)
5. Paul is innocent (Acts 26:32)

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Acts 23:23-35. What did Claudius arrange for Paul so that he could go and be tried by Felix? What did Claudius conclude about the charges against Paul? Vs 29
2. Read Acts 24:1-21. What charges were made against Paul and how did he defend himself to Felix?
3. Read Acts 25:6-12. What happened to Paul here and how did he defend himself to Festus?
4. Read Acts 25:23-26:32. How does Paul defend himself to Agrippa and in what does he pray for Agrippa and others who are present?

### **B. Meditation & application**

5. How is Paul an example of resilient Christian mission and witness?
6. As we think about these three trials- what do we know about the gospel that Paul was preaching? How does his understanding of this gospel impact our own faith sharing?
7. How does Paul use his own testimony to defend himself and what role do you think personal testimony plays in our faith sharing?
8. How do you marry the idea that God promised to protect Paul and the idea that he also allowed Paul to suffer and have real trouble?
9. Paul had a laser like focus on mission. How could we foster that kind of focus?

Dear Heavenly Father. We praise you for the gift of your Son. We ask that you help us to have a heart for mission and witness. Use Paul's example to make us resilient witnesses to the good news to those around us.

In Jesus Name- Amen