

**ACTS CHAPTERS 20 21 22**

**ACTS 20 - SERVING OTHERS**

Paul encourages the believers.....

How important is it to feel encouraged?

Have you encouraged a "fellow believer" this week??

**Vs 7-12 the Miracle!!!**

The story of the young man....

How can this miracle relate to us???

- Have you ever been weary in well doing?
- Have you ever felt like you spiritually crashed?
- How important was it to you that others picked you up?
- How did your relationship with Jesus change??

**Vs 18-21 Paul's speech to the Ephesians elders:**

Circle or underline in your bible the phrases that relate to Paul's humility, compassion, endurance, boldness, and honesty....

How do you define.....

HUMILITY \_\_\_\_\_

COMPASSION \_\_\_\_\_

ENDURANCE \_\_\_\_\_

Now try this little test:

Rate yourself.... 1 to 5 (1 being the least - 5 being the best) on each of these character qualities.....

- HUMILITY - ( )
- COMPASSION - ( )
- ENDURANCE - ( )

Think about how you can improve on any of these characteristics..... 😊

**QUOTE: FOR PAUL SERVING OTHERS WAS NOT CONDITIONAL. HE DIDNT SERVE ONLY WHEN HE FELT GOOD OR THOUGHT THE TIME WAS RIGHT. PAUL RELIED ON THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT TO ENABLE HIM AND SEE HIM THROUGH EVEN THE WORST!**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT "Am I a "fair-weather" servant who only serves others when it is convenient.**  
**What are some ways that we can serve others??**  
**What are some ways that I am serving others???**

CHAPTER 21 RESPONDING TO THE SPIRITS LEADING

Verses 1-13

Read these verses.... How many times do you see the collations between the Holy Spirit and Prophecy??

**Definition J. Piper**

Prophecy in this "third category" (the New Testament gift of prophecy) is a regulated message or report in human words usually made to the gathered believers based on a spontaneous, personal revelation from the Holy Spirit for the purpose of edification, encouragement, consolation, conviction or guidance but not necessarily free from a mixture of human error, and thus needing assessment on the basis of the apostolic (Biblical) teaching and mature spiritual wisdom.

What place does "prophecy" have in the believers of today??

Are we all "prophets" ... (read the description by J. Piper)

What about the "gift of Prophecy"??

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PAULS TIME LINE  
ACTS 21:18-28:31

21:18	22:30	23:31	25:1	25:13	26:1	28:31
Before The Mob	Before the Council	Before the Governors <b>Felix Festus</b>		Before the King <b>Agrippa</b>	Before the Jews	
<b>JERUSALEM</b>		<b>CAESAREA</b>			<b>ROME</b>	
<b>Accused</b>		<b>Absolved</b>			<b>Awaiting Trial</b>	

Chapter 22 - LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!!

PAULS STORY.....

Verses 3-13

Briefly outline Paul's story....

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TELLING YOUR STORY:

One of the best ways you can share the gospel is by telling YOUR STORY....

Have you ever thought about YOUR STORY.....?

What would be something that you would share from YOUR STORY.....?

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**QUOTE:** The Holy Spirit led and prepared Paul for the moment when he would stand before a large, angry crowd. **GOD WAS GIVING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE HIS TESTIMONY....** to share Christ with a multitude of people. Your testimony backed up by your life is a powerful tool when lived in reliance upon the power of the Spirit. Make sure you "walk the walk" and prepare your testimony so you are ready to "talk the talk" - and share the truth about Christ.



## QUIZ FOR ACTS CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

1. According to Acts chapter twenty-three, who was high priest when St. Paul appeared before the Sanhedrin?

- a. Caiaphas.
- b. Ananias.
- c. Gamaliel.

2. What did St. Paul call Ananias after the high priest ordered someone to strike the Apostle on the mouth in Acts chapter twenty-three?

- a. A whitewashed wall.
- b. A whited sepulcher.
- c. A son of the devil.

3. Fill in the blanks in this passage from Acts chapter twenty-three: "But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, 'Men and brethren, I am a \_\_\_\_\_, the son of a \_\_\_\_\_; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!'"

- a. "Pharisee."
- b. "Sadducee."
- c. "Priest."

4. According to Acts chapter twenty-three, which group believed in both the resurrection and angels and spirit?

- a. Sadducees.
- b. Pharisees.
- c. Neither group believed in these things.

5. Fill in the blank in this passage from Acts chapter twenty-three: "Then there arose a loud outcry. And the scribes of the Pharisees' party arose and protested, saying, 'We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against \_\_\_\_\_.'"

- a. "The Romans."
- b. "Each other."
- c. "God."

6. According to Acts chapter twenty-three, on the night after St. Paul appeared before the Sanhedrin, where did the Lord tell him that he would bear witness?

- a. Antioch.
- b. Athens.
- c. Rome.

7. According to Acts chapter twenty-three, what oath did some Jews take?

- a. That they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed St. Paul.
- b. That they would neither eat nor drink until St. Paul had been imprisoned.
- c. That they would follow St. Paul and disrupt any speeches he might give.

8. In Acts chapter twenty-three, who heard about the plot to kill St. Paul and warned him?
- James.
  - Paul's sister's son.
  - Paul's sister's daughter.
9. How many soldiers and other guards took St. Paul to to meet the regional governor in Acts chapter twenty-three?
- 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen.
  - 100 soldiers, 100 horsemen, and 100 spearmen.
  - 200 soldiers, 200 horsemen, and 200 spearmen.
10. The soldiers, horsemen and spearmen transported Paul from Jerusalem to what city to meet the regional governor?
- Nazareth.
  - Caesarea.
  - Antipatris.
11. According to Acts chapter twenty-three, what was the name of the commander of the garrison?
- Claudius Lysias.
  - Lucius.
  - Artexerxes.
12. According to Acts chapter twenty-three, where did Felix order St. Paul to be kept?
- Herod's Coliseum.
  - Herod's prison.
  - Herod's Praetorium.

# Acts Chapter 23 & 24

Acts 24:1-9

1. Who was Tertullus?

2. How did he open his prosecution of Paul?

3. What three charges did he bring against Paul?

a.

b.

c.

4. Do you think the Jews were consciously lying to the governor? (v 9)

**Acts 24:10-21**

**5. How does Paul address each of the three charges against him? To what does he confess?**

**a.**

**b.**

**c.**

**6. What was Felix's first response to Paul's defense?**

**7. What arrangements did he make?**

**8. What was the relationship of Felix and his wife, Drusilla, with Paul?**



**Acts 24:22-27**

**9. Why did Felix adjourn the trial of Paul?**

**10. Discuss Felix's actions toward Paul during the next two years**



## Dealing with Waiting

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Acts 25-26

1. "How long can you wait?"

Waiting Examples in the Bible

1. Sarah waited 25 years, to have the baby promised to her.

2. Jesus waited 30 years, to start His ministry.

3. Moses waited 40 years to get to the promised land.

*1. Festus and Paul (Acts 25:1-12)*

*2. Festus and Agrippa (Acts 25:13-22)*

*3. Paul before Agrippa (Acts 25:23-26:32)*

*4. Paul's Testimony (Acts 26:1-23)*

Paul chose to share about his religious upbringing and training, and his zeal in persecuting followers of Jesus of Nazareth (v.2-11). Paul then went on to describe his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (v.12-18) and the changes that occurred in his life afterward (v.19-23). Anytime Christians share their testimony, they can expect a variety of responses.

Note the RESPONSES.....

## Check Your Heart

### 1) How to Keep a Positive Perspective

- ♪ When you face challenges do you see them as a crisis or an opportunity?
- ♪ How does Paul's example and positive perspective encourage your view of your life situation?

### 2) Sharing Your Changed Life

- ♪ Do you remember or realize what the Lord has brought you or kept you from?
- ♪ In Paul's longest speech in the book of Acts – 28 verses – he reviewed his past. As an exercise in joy, list some of the positive changes that have taken place in you since you became a Christian. Then give thanks to God for His work of transforming you into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29)

“How is your patience quotient right about now? Do you ever feel like Sarah did? That you have been praying for some concern and nothing seems to be happening? And Paul? Surely he wondered about God's promise that he would go to Rome. Well, Sarah did get her son, and as you will see in Acts 28:16, Paul did make it to Rome. In both cases, prayers were answered and God's promises were kept – in God's timing.

Are there prayers you regularly lift to the Lord that are still unanswered? Be patient. God has a plan – and a purpose. Pray for the patience only the Holy Spirit can give you while you wait. Pray to be content right where you are, with what you have and don't have, in whatever circumstance. Take to heart the encouragement of the psalmist:

*“I waited patiently for the LORD;*

*And He inclined to me,*

*and heard my cry.”*

*Psalm 40:1*

ACTS 27-28

**THE FINAL CHAPTERS.....**

**THE PLAN...**

Acts 19:21 \_\_\_\_\_

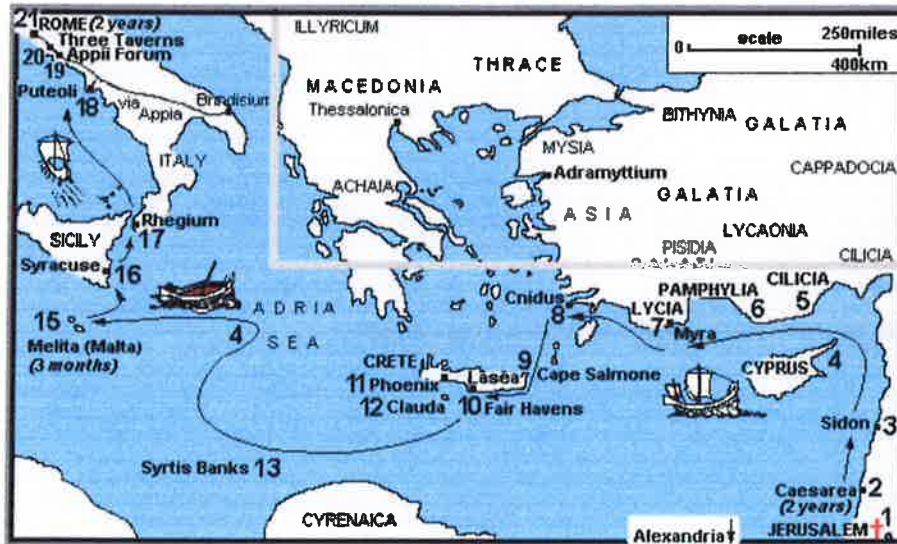
Acts 23:11 \_\_\_\_\_

**GODS TIMING - FOUR KEY WORDS.....**

ACTS 27:1 \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DIFFICULT IS IT FOR US TO KNOW WHERE WE WANT TO BE .... AND ALLOWING GOD TO LEAD US THERE???

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Groups:

Read verses: 1-12

HOW MANY PLACES DID "THE SHIP" STOP AT? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE JOURNEY \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT DO THESE VERSES TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR JOURNEY?

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HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE YOU WILL NEVER GET TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE OR WHERE YOU FEEL GOD IS DIRECTING YOU ?

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THE STORM

Veses 13-20

WHAT ARE SOME DESCRIPTIONS OF "THE STORM"??



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE SOME OF 'THE STORMS' IN YOUR OWN LIFE??



READ VERSES 21 – 26

MAKE YOUR BIBLE YOUR BIBLE !!!

MARK OR UNDERLINE WORDS THAT THE WRITER – LUKE - USES DESCRIBING PAULS WORDS THAT CAN BE ENCOURAGING ALSO TO YOU NOW .....

WHAT WORDS HAVE YOU HEARD TO HOLY SPIRIT SAY TO YOU THAT HAS GIVEN YOU THE COURAGE YOU NEED TO BRAVE YOUR 'STORM' ....???

Verses : 29-32 CHOOSE YOUR VOICE .....

**ABONDON SHIP !!!!! ABANDON SHIP!!!! ABONDON SHIP!!!!**

OR

**ABIDE IN ME !!!!! ABIDE IN ME!!!!!! ABIDE IN ME!!!!!**

....VS 31 ... "UNLESS THESE MEN **STAY IN THE SHIP**, YOU CANNOT BE SAVED"

....VS 32...."THE SOLDIERS CUT AWAY THE ROPES OF THE BOAT AND **SET IT ADRIFT**"

What is the significance today we can take from these two verses???

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What can we do to prepare for these times in our lives???

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Vs. 33-38 - At you table read these verses and discuss the following questions.....

While still in the storm .... keep doing what you know to do....

1. What are some of the "disciplines" we need to keep in place in our lives during the "storms"
2. Why are they important???

Vs 44 .... talks about "planks" that they held on to to get everyone safely to shore ....

3. What are some of the "planks" that you hold on to ???
4. Why are they important to you ???

## **CHAPTER 28 ... MALTA AND BEYOND!!!!**

Paul finally gets to Rome...

Read Verses 25-28 -

Pauls final recorded rebuke

....What stands out to you that still applies to people today ...



