

A Life Leveraged for the Gospel

Acts 25

From Felix to Festus to Agrippa to Caesar:

Some backstory on the transition of leadership and the characters involved ...

Paul's 4th Defense:

The Jews had two years of pent-up frustration aimed at Paul.

But once again, their charges against Paul were baseless and unprovable.

Paul's defense was simple: "I have committed no offense whatsoever ..."

In weakness, and to curry favor with the Jews, Festus was unjustly willing to send him back to Jerusalem.

But Paul boldly appeals to Rome and to Caesar himself!

Paul trusted the Lord and was willing to do whatever He required of him at any personal cost!

The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome." (Acts 23:11)

A thought on God's providence:

A thought on God's grace:

Agrippa Enters the Conversation:

Festus was in an awkward spot. Paul has appealed to Rome (as was his right as a citizen) and Festus would have to send him, but he had no real _____ Paul.

He calls upon Herod Agrippa (the Jewish vassal king) to consult with before Paul goes to Rome.

This will offer Paul an incredible _____. (Acts 26)

Several lessons for us today:

Never _____ – God has not forgotten you. Your days are in His hands.

Take _____ to have a _____ before God and man.

That means at least ...

Be _____ to give a reason for the _____ you have. You never know when that opportunity will come.

When _____ by man, make sure you can/will be _____ by God.

Find _____ and _____ in the _____ of God.

This is immeasurably practical theology ...

Next week: **Acts 26 – Not Ashamed of the Gospel!**