

The Courageous Witness-Part 1
Text: Acts 21:27-22:29
January 24, 2026

Big Idea: The courageous witness trusts in the sovereignty of God.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2

- a) What does it mean that God is sovereign over all things?
- b) Look up various Scripture passages and discuss how God describes how He uses His sovereignty.
- c) Which of these truths do you struggle to believe the most? Why those ones?
- d) Why is God's sovereignty such a gift for us, and for our witness in Him?

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Point 1: Has an UNSTOPPABLE PLAN! (21:27-36)

Question: God doesn't do random. Will you trust He has a plan for that moment?

Question #3

- a) **21:27-36:** Discuss together how, even in the midst of the chaos, God's sovereignly working His plan out through what's happening in Jerusalem.
- b) What do these events show us about God's faithfulness to fulfill His Word/plan even against man's best attempts to stop Him? (Hint: See Acts 20:22-23 & Acts 21:10-11)
- c) What impact does it have on our witness readiness when we remember God doesn't have us where we are randomly? What impact does it have when we don't live with this mindset?
- d) How would your witness change in: home, workplace, shopping, etc. if you remembered that God doesn't have you there randomly and He has a plan for that moment with those people?
- e) Ask God to increase your faith to trust that He has you where you are by His design; and pray for a positioned heart to be ready for witness.

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Point 2: Gave an UNDENIABLE PLATFORM! (21:37-22:21)

Question: God wastes nothing and will use it for His glory. Will you trust His work and testify?

Question #4

- a) **21:37-22:21:** Go through this section of the text and discuss as a group the ways Paul gives a faithful proclamation of the gospel.
- b) Have you ever felt that your testimony of God's work in your life is not sufficient to witness to others from? If so, why is that? According to His Word, is that true of your testimony?
- c) Spend time journaling before the Lord, asking Him to help you see how He has not wasted anything of what He has happened in your life.
- d) Spend time writing out your testimony (Get specific!) of Your life before Christ, How you came to Christ; and your life since coming to Christ. Have this on hand and ready to share to those around you at work, on your team, in your class, etc.

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Point 3: Has an UNIMAGINABLE PURPOSE! (22:17-27)

Question: Even when you can't see it, God has purposed it. Will you trust it's in His hands?

Question #5

- a) **22:17-27:** How does the crowd respond to Paul's testimony? Why did they react this way?
- b) Does the crowd's reaction show that Paul's witness to them was a failure? Why or why not?
- c) *"The mob was God's means for the mission."* How is this true?
- d) What happens to our courage in witness if all we go on is the perceived 'success' or 'lack thereof' of our witness? How is this the fruit of unbelief?
- e) How should trusting that God has purposed every response to our witness, strengthen our courage in our witness?

Question #6

Make a list of at least 5 people you will witness to in the days ahead. Share it with your small group and start right now to pray as a group for each of those people; and your courage to witness to them.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts**

21:27-22:29...

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are the sovereign God who_____.
- b) CONFESION: Lord, I repent of my unbelief in your sovereignty when_____. I repent of my lack of courage in sharing the gospel to_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for your sovereign work in my life by_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask for increased faith in your sovereignty, and courage to witness to_____.

Memory Verse:

"...for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'" -Isaiah 46:9b-10