

The Courageous Witness-Part 2
Text: Acts 22:30-23:11
January 31, 2026

Big Idea:

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?

The courageous witness...

Point 1: _____ to God's _____ (23:1-5)

Question: Submitting to God's Word is foundational for living courageously in Him. Will you submit to His Word?

Sermon Notes...

Question #2

Note: Please have your fruit to root diagrams ready for this question.

- a) **Rd vv. 1-5:** What does Paul mean when he says that he has lived his life before God with a clear conscience?
- b) **Rd Proverbs 28:1:** Why is living with a clear conscience before God and man essential if we are to be courageous in our witness? What happens when we don't live this way?
- c) What area(s) right now are you not living with a clear conscience before God and man, because of a lack of submission to God's Word in those areas?
- d) What is it you want from hanging on to that sin?
- e) Look at the gospel treasures and the gospel fruit that comes from them. What treasure(s) do you have in Christ that you are not believing and it's leading you to engage in that area and not repent of it before the Lord? What fruit is on the other side of that repentance?
- f) Spend time in prayer repenting of that area that is a hindrance to you living above reproach and with courage in the Lord.

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Point 2: _____ with God's _____ (23:6-10)

Question: The Word of God is the wisdom of God. Will you live by God's wisdom or your own?

Sermon Notes...

Question #3

- a) **Rd vv. 6-10:** In the face of opposition, how does Paul demonstrate the wisdom of God and not the ‘wisdom’ from the world in his response to the Pharisees and Sadducees?
- b) When are you most tempted to live by the world’s ‘wisdom’ and not God’s?
- c) How do we grow in living by God’s wisdom? (Hint: John 15:4-5 is a good place to start!) Look at your growth point sheets also for other means God has given us.
- d) Even if you are in God’s Word daily already (Which is great!), what are two steps you need to take this week to grow in living by God’s wisdom and not this world’s? Share those steps with your sg members and ask them to check in on you with them.

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Point 3: _____ in God’s _____ (23:11)

Question: No matter the opposition, God will accomplish His work. Will you trust Him?

Sermon Notes...

Jesus....

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

Question #4

- a) **Rd v. 11:** If you were Paul, would you be discouraged if you were taking great pains to live with a clear conscience before God and man, standing on God’s and yet, you still end up in prison? Why or why not?
- b) Discuss the three ways that Jesus encourages Paul as he is in prison.
- c) How should these 3 things encourage you to be courageous in your witness, even though you may not see any results from it, and even be more rejected because of it.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 22:30-23:11...**

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are the sovereign God who_____.
- b) CONFESION: Lord, I repent of not living with a clear conscience before You in_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for Your promise to stand by me when/in_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask for courage in my witness when_____.

Memory Verse:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” -Matthew 28:19-20