

Our Sovereign Defence
Text: Acts Acts 26:12-32
April 11, 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?

My help comes from the Lord through His...

Point 1: _____ for Witness (vv. 12-18)

Question: God will use His power to accomplish His purpose. Will you trust Him or resist Him?

Sermon Notes...

Unstoppable Power...

i) God _____ (vv. 12-15)

ii) God _____ (v. 16)

iii) God _____ (vv. 17-18)

Question #2

- a) **Rd vv. 12-18:** Spend time as a group discussing Paul's conversion story. What stands out to you? Why does that stand out?
- b) Look at the three marks of God's unstoppable power displayed in this event...
 - a) God Directs (vv. 12-15): How should knowing it's useless to resist God's will, give us courage in witnessing to those around us?
 - b) God Decides (v. 16): How should knowing Jesus saved you to send you, give you confidence in His gospel power through you in your witness for Him?
 - c) God Delivers (vv. 17-18): How should knowing that only Jesus has the power to deliver others from darkness, fuel our courage in witness through the gospel?

Question #3

- a) Where are you 'kicking against the goads' and resisting the Lord by not stepping into the witness opportunities He's purposed for you? What is stopping you?
- b) Spend time repenting of your unbelief in Him and ask for the faith to put your 'yes' on the table!
- c) What is one next step you can take this week to leverage your opportunities for witness to others?

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Point 2: _____ for Witness (vv. 19-23)

Question: God provides exactly what's needed, when needed. Will you rely on Him or yourself?

Sermon Notes...

Unfailing Provision...

a) God's _____ (vv. 19-20)

b) God's _____ (vv. 21-23)

Question #4

- a) **Rd vv.19-23:** What does the phrase, "*help that is from God*" actually mean?
- b) What are some examples from Paul's life where God gave him His promised provision of strength in his witness? What are some examples from your life?
- c) What are some practical things Jesus has given us to depend on His strength through (Hint: John 15:4-5)?
- d) What is one step you can take this week to grow in greater dependence on the Lord in your witness?

Question #5

- a) How is God's message of the gospel an unfailing provision for us in our witness no matter where we are or who we are witnessing to?
- b) What is the gospel?
- c) Think of one person God has put around you. Now write out how you would share the gospel with them in 4-5 sentences. Pray for courage to share it with that person and their reception of it!

My help comes from the lord through His...

Point 3: _____ for Witness (**vv. 24-32**)

Question: God will give His heart for the lost. Will you ask Him for it and speak boldly?

Sermon Notes...

Question #6

- a) **Rd vv. 24-32:** How is it clear that God gave Paul His heart for the lost when he says, "...I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am..." (v. 29)?
- b) Pray for the Lord to give you His heart for the people He's put around you even if they hurt you.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 26:12-32...**

- a) **ADORATION:** Jesus, You are my help in _____.
- b) **CONFESSION:** Jesus, I repent of my unbelief in Your help in my witness when_____.
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Jesus, I thank you for your help in my witness through_____.
- d) **SUPPLICATION:** Jesus, I ask for Your help of_____ in my witness to_____.

Memory Verses:

"I lift my eyes up to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."-Psalm 121:1-2