

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we be an effective witness?
2. How effective is our witness when we give our testimony to someone and why?
3. How much should we persuade men and women to be Christians?
4. Explain how our walk and our talk affects our witness?

### SUMMARY:

When Festus came to Jerusalem, the high priest tried to have Paul brought there for trial so they could kill him. They brought many false accusations against Paul, so they could have their own way and stop the gospel from spreading. So often men in authority would rather please men than stand for the truth and right. When Agrippa heard of Paul, he wanted to hear him speak and **almost believed**, but could not surrender all to Christ and become a Christian.

### NOTES:

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**[SoF:15]** We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature".

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

February 23, 2020

First Quarter

### PAUL'S TESTIMONY **[SoF:15]** TO AGRIPPA

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**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 25:1-27; 26:1-32

**LESSON SETTING:** Festus sends Paul to King Agrippa.

**TIME:** Approximately 60 A.D.

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#### I. AN ACCUSATION. Acts 25:1-27

- A. False Accusations. Matthew 5:11-12; 1 Peter 3:15-16
- B. Men Pleasers. John 12:43; Acts 12:1-3; Colossians 3:22
- C. Persecution. 1 Corinthians 4:12; 2 Corinthians 4:9

#### II. A WITNESS. **[SoF:15]** Acts 26:1-23

- A. Evil Zeal. Matthew 23:15; Philippians 3:6
- B. Zeal for Lost Souls. John 4:35; Romans 10:1; 11:14
- C. Witnessing. John 15:27; Acts 5:20-21; Titus 2:15

#### III. A REJECTION. Acts 26:24-32

- A. Wise Words. Proverbs 16:24; 25:11
- B. Rejection. John 12:48
- C. Lost Opportunity. Jeremiah 8:20; Matthew 25:10-13; Luke 19:41-42

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *WHEREUPON, O KING AGRIPPA, I WAS NOT DISOBEDIENT UNTO THE HEAVENLY VISION.* Acts 26:19

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Acts 27:1-44

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 107:23-31  
Mark 4:35-41

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Life and Writings of Paul

**TOPIC: CONFIDENCE DURING CRISIS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

God has a purpose in each Christian's life and in order to work out this purpose He must deal with us accordingly. He molds and strengthens us to make us fit to meet this purpose. This molding and strengthening is done through means of suffering, trials and tribulations.

How long He worked with David before he was made fit to be a king. Even Paul suffered much as each new purpose in his life came into view. Likewise, if we wish to carry out God's purpose in our lives, we must permit Him to mold us as He understands. Tribulations cause us to cling closer to God, making us more and more dependent upon Him, and in this submission to Him, He is able to work with us so that He can use us for His glory.

In Acts 14:22b we read “. . .and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” How patiently He deals with us to mold us according to His will. So then we must believe that all things work for our good if we love God. (Romans 8:28)

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** To be effective, a Christian's witness must be based upon his own experience and knowledge of Christ.

**GOLDEN TEXT: *BE OF GOOD CHEER: FOR I BELIEVE GOD, THAT IT SHALL BE EVEN AS IT WAS TOLD ME.***

Acts 27:25

God revealed to Paul that he should “*bear witness also at Rome.*” (Acts 23:11) Now they were experiencing a fearful storm at sea, in which it seemed hopeless that any might escape. Paul was confident that he would reach his destination, but he fasted and prayed for his fellow travelers. We read that God sent an angel who promised that all would be saved if they obeyed God's instructions.

We can all have the promise that we will reach a safe haven, if we obey God's will for our lives. But we must also pray always as we encounter the “storms of life” both for ourselves and one another.

He your trembling hand has taken,  
Therefore, though you seem forsaken,  
Trust in Him and doubt Him not!  
Pray and battle, do not waver  
Soon you'll thank Him for His favor,  
Strength and light will be your lot!      Z. H. 39:2

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 24 – Mar 1**

M. Perils of the Sea. Psalm 107:23-30

T. Praising God for His Goodness. Psalm 107:31-37

W. Jesus Stills a Storm. Mark 4:35-41

T. \*Paul Foretells a Crisis. Acts 27:1-13

F. \*A Crisis at Sea. Acts 27:14-20

S. \*Confidence During Crisis. Acts 27:21-31

S. \*Rescue Through Obedience. Acts 27:32-44

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