











- 1  **SHARING THE GOSPEL DURING TRIALS**
How the Apostle Paul used his trials for Christ
- 2  **THE STORY OF PAUL'S ARREST**
 - Acts 21:11-14
 - The prophecy of Agabus
 - Pleas of the brethren "Don't go!"
 - Resolve of Paul
- 3  **THE STORY OF PAUL'S ARREST**
 - Paul encouraged to pacify Jews
 - Acts 21:18-26
 - False assumptions by an angry mob – vs. 27-30
 - "Rescued" by the Romans
 - vs.31-36
- 4  **PAUL SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY**
 - Asks permission to address the mob – Acts 21:37-40
 - His sermon (a testimonial)
 - Acts 22:1-21
 - The crowd's reaction: 22:22-23
- 5  **PAUL "PROTECTED" BY THE ROMANS**
 - Roman captain ordered examination by "scourging"
 - Paul declares Roman citizenship
 - Privileges of Roman citizens
- 6  **PAUL "PROTECTED" BY THE ROMANS**
 - Paul brought before the Sanhedrin – Acts 23:1-5
 - Uses schism of Pharisees and Sadducees – vs. 6-9
 - Roman captain "rescues" – vs. 10
 - God was behind this – vs. 11
- 7  **PAUL "PROTECTED" BY THE ROMANS**
 - Murder plot – 23:12-15
 - Paul's nephew informs vs. 16-22
 - 470 Roman soldiers escort to Caesarea vs.23-33
 - Roman Governor Felix hears accusations & defense 24:1-21
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- 8  **PAUL TEACHES THE GOVERNOR**
Acts 24:24-25 Paul teaches:
 - The Faith in Christ
 - Righteousness
 - Self Control
 - The Judgment
 - Gov. Felix was afraid – "Go away..."
- 9  **A NEW GOVERNOR COMES TO POWER**
 - Governor Porcius Festus
 - Acts 24:27
 - Approached by Jews in Jerusalem
 - Acts 25:1-5
 - Listens to accusations and Paul's defense – vs. 6-8
- 10  **PAUL APPEALS TO CAESAR**
 - Gov. Festus wants to please the Jews – Acts 25:9
 - Paul appeals to Caesar – vs. 10-11
 - Once accepted, must be done
 - vs. 12
 - see also Acts 26:31-32

11  **PAUL TEACHES A KING**

- King Agrippa wants to hear
 - Acts 25:13-22
- Gov. Festus' Dilemma – 25:24-27
- Paul's "defense" 26:1-23
- Festus' reaction vs. 24
- King Agrippa's reaction – vs. 28
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12  **PAUL'S DESIRE**

(Acts 26:29) And Paul said, "I would to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains."
(NASB)

13  **QUALITIES OF EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM**

1. RESOLVE
 - Paul was willing to be imprisoned or killed.
 - What are you willing to endure?
 - Embarrassment?
 - Ridicule?
 - Uncomfortable-ness

14  **QUALITIES OF EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM**

1. RESOLVE
2. SELF-LESS-NESS
 - Paul didn't focus on defense of himself, but of the gospel.
 - Does self-pity or defensiveness keep you from reaching others?

15  **QUALITIES OF EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM**

1. RESOLVE
2. SELF-LESS-NESS
3. OPPORTUNISM
 - How many opportunities do you have to share the gospel?
 - What did Paul do?
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16  **Paul's Use of Opportunity:**

Who did Paul try to teach?


The Mob

Governor Felix


Governor Festus & King Agrippa

Also: guards, servants, (fellow prisoners?), Sanhedrin, etc.


"all who hear my voice" 26:29

17  **What opportunities do you have?**

- Co-workers
- Neighbors
- Family
- Friends
- Children's friends

18  **What opportunities do you have?**

- People you do business with
- Fellow students
- Fellow teammates
- Doctors
- Fellow club members

19  **What an opportunity!**

- Teach a King?
- The real opportunity was for King Agrippa, Gov. Felix, Festus and all the others
- 26:18

20  **You Have An Opportunity**

What will you do with Jesus?