

# Unstoppable Defense

## Acts 22

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Unstoppable

**Reflect**

Outline: Recap

**Realize**

Points to Ponder

**Respond**

Questions to draw out understanding.

### REFLECT

Have you ever been wrongly accused? Whether small or large, any unjust accusation is painful to endure. Accusations are a form of opposition many of us go out of our way to avoid if possible, yet the apostle Paul leveraged an unjust claim about himself to make Jesus known to people far from him. Join us as we take a closer look at the power of an Unstoppable Defense, a testimony of the power of Christ unto salvation.

### REALIZE

#### 1. Remember who's really bad!

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 22:1-5
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Think about the last argument you had. How did you handle it? If poorly, what would you change if you could go back, considering what you've learned?

#### 2. Don't lose sight of who God is

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 22:6-21
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What helps you remember God's goodness in your life? For example, is it worship, Bible reading, prayer? Who is someone in your life who practices gratitude? What is unique about them?

#### 3. Remember what Jesus did for you.

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 22:22-29
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Considering Jesus' mission of redemption, what needs to change in how you treat and talk to people?

#### 4. Live free or die bound

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 22:30
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What are the biggest obstacles in your way, keeping you from truly living free from bondage? What changes can you make today to live more freely?

**Quote:** "Everyone ultimately believes in some moral absolutes. Once we realize this, the question becomes: which set of beliefs and moral absolutes leads us to embrace more fully those from whom we deeply differ?"

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?