

The Trial Continues

Acts 26

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Unstoppable

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Sometimes we receive a direction or word from God and it can show up in the least expected ways. As we take the step of faith, we find that our journey leads us into unlikely situations that allow us to increase our trust in God or relinquish our trust in God. As we open Acts 26, we find the continuation of the trial that the apostle Paul is part of. Not only is this scene a confirmation of a prophetic word he received from Jesus, but Paul also sees this as an answer to prayer. Where others would have viewed it with despair, the apostle is full of gratitude to be able to share the Gospel of Jesus with the king and his dignitaries. We learn that though Paul was physically enchained, the hope he found in Christ gave him a new sense of freedom. Join us today as we unpack what it looks like to have an unstoppable faith that is rooted in Christ.

REALIZE

1. Cling to the God of hope

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 26, 1 Peter 3:15, Romans 15:13
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What would it look like for you to cling to the God of hope? Where or what have you placed your hope in, outside of Christ?

2. Perceive God's greater purpose

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 26, Acts 9:1-19, Isaiah 42:6-7 (NLT)
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - The apostle Paul had a perceived purpose for his life but God revealed His divine purpose for the apostle. How might God be using your current season to reveal your divine purpose in Him? What changes do you need to implement to fulfill all that God is calling you to do?

3. Not almost, but fully Christ's

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 26, Romans 10:1
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Where have you been hesitant in your faith in Christ? How might God be asking you to surrender all to Him?

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?