# Unstoppable Hope Acts 23

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Unstoppable

Reflect Realize Respond

Outline: Recap Points to Ponder Questions to draw out understanding.

#### **REFLECT**

In Acts 23 we see Paul's story continue to take unexpected and challenging turns. But, even in the middle of those challenges, it is evident that God is at work. For us, this story helps us learn how to live with an Unstoppable Hope as we face the disappointments and challenges in our lives.

### **REALIZE**

#### 1. Jesus Is Speaking

• Scripture Reference: Acts 23, Matthew 28:20

- Questions for Reflection
  - Think of a time when something didn't live up to your expectations in life. How did you respond?

#### 2. Our Stories Matter

- Scripture Reference: Acts 23, Philippians 3:8, Romans 5:3-5
- Questions for Reflection
  - What are some things that make it hard to hear God's voice?

#### 3. Trust God's Timing

- Scripture Reference: Acts 23, 2 Timothy 1:7
- Questions for Reflection
  - Considering Jesus' mission of redemption, what needs to change in how you treat and talk to people?
  - How do you think God wants to use you to serve Him?
  - Is there anything in your life where you're stuck wondering "What if...?" What would it look like for God to change that to "Even if..."

## **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?