WEEK TEN - Acts 25

Acts 25:9

But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse - Acts 25:9 Time spent in prayer

Read - Acts 25:1-4

Examine –

1. Who was now in charge of this region?
2. How long had he been there?
3. Where did he go?
4. Who spoke with him there?
5. They were concerned with whom?
6. Where did they want him to bring Paul?
7. Why?
8. What was his answer?
9. How long would he be at Jerusalem?
10. How long had this issue been going on? (Look back at 24:27)

Apply-

For two years now the Jews had sought to rid themselves of Paul. They seem to be consumed with this.

What are you consumed with?

Look back over the last two years and see how you have changed. We all have. Circle the one that best fits how you have changed spiritually.

## Gone backwards Gone forwards

Praise -

Pray -

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Read - Acts 25:5-8

Examine -

1. What did Festus request of the Jews?
2. How long was he in Jerusalem?

FACT: “Tarried among them” gives the idea of “Rubbing away” or “to spend time with”. He was trying to smooth over his relationship with the Jews.

1. Where did they go?
2. When was the trial?
3. Where was Festus?
4. What did the Jews do?
5. Could they prove anything?

FACT: Paul has been through this once before. He legally should not have to tell his story again.

1. What 3 areas had Paul not done anything?

THINK: Why do you think Paul’s testimony was so short?

Apply

If you spend all your time defending yourself then you have no time for anything else. Commit to not defend yourself today. Your friends don’t need it and your enemies won’t believe it anyway.

If you have done something wrong, don’t make excuses. Just admit it.

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Read - Acts 25:9-12

Examine –

1. Who was Festus trying to please?
2. Where did he want Paul to go?
3. Who was Paul standing before?
4. Should he be here?
5. Had he done anything to the Jews?
6. If Paul had done wrong was he afraid to die?
7. Can anyone deliver him to them?
8. To whom does he appeal?

THINK: Could he do this? Why?

1. Did he grant his request?
2. Did he really have a choice?

Apply-

Festus was a people pleaser.

Are you?

Write out beside these verses how they apply to you.

Proverbs 29:25

Galatians 1:10

James 4:4

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Read – Acts 25:13-17

Examine -

1. Who came to Cesarea?

Bonus: Who was Bernice to King Agrippa?

2. For what reason did they come?

3. How long had they been there?

4. What did Festus declare to the king?

5. Who left Paul in bonds?

6. Who wanted judgment against him?

7. Was verse 16 his answer to the Jews?

1. How many times now had Paul answered his accusers face to face?
2. What is Festus trying to impress on Agrippa?

Apply -

Festus is trying to impress someone by being a hypocrite.

Teenagers often are dogmatic about their feelings on hypocrites. Yet they often are hypocrites themselves. (Like wearing certain clothes, jewelry, and styles just to fit in.)

Can you think of an area of your life in which you are being hypocritical?

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Read - Acts 25:18-22

Examine –

1. Did the accusers bring the accusations that he thought they would?
2. What questions did they have? (2 things)
3. Does he use respect for Jesus’ name?

THINK: Will he one day? (Phil. 2:9-11)

1. Did he believe Jesus was dead?
2. Did Paul?

FACT: Again he glosses over the real reason he asked him to go to Jerusalem.

1. To whom did Paul appeal?
2. Why is he called Caesar in one place and Augustus in another?
3. What did Agrippa want to do?
4. When would he hear him?

Apply -

Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

As Festus and Agrippa are involved in various courts, they are missing the fact that one day they will stand before the ultimate court.

So will you! Do you live as though you will or not?

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Read - Acts 25:23-27

Examine –

1. How did the two enter the place of hearing?
2. Who else was there? (2 groups)
3. What did the Jews want done to Paul?
4. Had Paul done anything worthy of death?
5. What had Festus determined to do?
6. Did he know what to write to Ceasar?
7. Did Paul have any crimes with which to write?

Apply:

This reminds us of the trial of Jesus where they could not find anything that he had done wrong. Paul was not perfect as is Jesus, but still they could not find anything to accuse him of.

Do you think this could be said of you?

Think back over the last week and see if you can think of anything that someone could accuse you of.

Look up Philippians 2:15 and see what words are used to describe how we should appear to the world.

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Read – Review

# Examine

1. Who is the new ruler?
2. Where does he go first?
3. How long was he there?
4. Paul was to go through another \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What “bomb” did Paul drop on the court?
6. Who also heard Paul’s defense?
7. How did they (Agrippa and Bernice) enter the place?
8. According to Festus, if Paul had not appealed to Caesar what would he have done?
9. With what did Festus want Agrippa to help?

Apply

During all this trouble, how did Paul respond?

Was he angry and shouting that he was being treated unfairly?

Do you think this was how he wanted to spend his days?

How do you respond when things don’t go your way or when you feel you have been mistreated?

Think of the most recent time that this has happened to you and write down how you responded.

Was it the right way?

Let’s learn from Paul on the proper way to respond during tough times.

Praise -

# Pray -

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