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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND
A VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

"Always Be Ready"
ACTS 21:37-40; 22:1-30 NKJV

SYNOPSIS

Every follower of Christ has a testimony of what Jesus has done in their life, and we should always be ready to share it with others. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called "Full Send," Pastor Tim teaches a message from Acts Chapters 21 and 22 entitled "Always Be Ready" that includes 3 takeaways from God's Word that we can apply in our lives.

A good personal testimony will include...

1) Who you were before Christ

2) How you encountered Christ

3) How Christ has changed your life and given you purpose.

We hope this message encourages you to reflect on what Jesus has done in your life, confidently share your testimony with others, and always be ready to give a reason for the hope you have in Him.

KEY VERSE:

"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)

4:12

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Text: Acts 21:37–22:2; 1 Peter 3:13–16
Cross-References: Colossians 4:5–6; 2 Timothy 4:2; Matthew 5:14–16
Discuss: In Acts 21:37–40, Paul asks permission to speak to the crowd even though he has been arrested and is facing hostility. What does his willingness to speak reveal about his priorities? How might his response challenge the way we approach opportunities to share our faith?

Text: Acts 22:1–5
Cross-References: Romans 3:10–12, 23–24; Ephesians 2:1–5; Titus 3:3–7; 1 Timothy 1:12–16
Discuss: In Acts 22:3–5, Paul describes his religious background, education, zeal for God, and persecution of Christians. Why do you think Paul begins his testimony by explaining who he was before encountering Jesus?

Text: Acts 22:6–16
Cross-References: Acts 9:1–19; John 1:12–13; Romans 10:9–13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8–9
Discuss: In Acts 22:6–10, Paul describes his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. What happened to Paul's understanding of Jesus, and how did that encounter redirect his life? What does his experience teach us about the power of Christ to confront and transform a person?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 22:17–21
Cross-References: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 12:1–2; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:6
Discuss: In Acts 22:17–21, Paul explains how the Lord redirected his life and sent him to proclaim the gospel to the Gentiles. How did Paul's purpose change after encountering Jesus? What does his transformation reveal about the relationship between salvation and our calling?

REFLECTIONS

1) If someone asked you today why you believe in Jesus, could you explain your faith clearly, or would you struggle to put your beliefs into words? What does your answer reveal about how prepared you are to share the gospel?

2) Is there a part of your past that you are ashamed of and therefore reluctant to acknowledge, even when sharing it could help someone understand God's grace? What would it look like to approach that part of your story with honesty without glorifying sin or sharing details unnecessarily?

3) Can you identify how you came to understand your need for Jesus and place your faith in Him? If your story involves a gradual process rather than one dramatic moment, have you recognized the ways God was drawing you to Himself?