



CHRISTIANS ON TRIAL

THE ROLE OF YOUR TESTIMONY

ACTS 26:1-11

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1. See _____
(vv.1-3)

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2. Testify _____
(vv.4-12)

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Acts 26:1 So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

2 "I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, **3** especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 "My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews.

5 They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. **6** And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, **7** to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! **8** Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? **9** "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. **11** And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities. **12** "In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Mark 5:18-20**. Can you recall the testimonies of those who shared with you about their conversion to Christ, prior to your initial repentance and faith? What sort of impact did those testimonies have on you?
2. Read **Psalms 78:4** and **Psalms 145:4**. As a Christian, what testimony or Christian biography of God's work in someone's life has made a big impact on you? What motivation or help have you received from those stories?
3. Read **Ephesians 1:13**. Describe the circumstances in your life when you heard the word of truth and trusted in Christ to be saved. Touch on the three topics from the subpoints in point two of this weekend's outline.
4. Read **2 Timothy 1:8**. In what sort of circumstances might you be fearful to share your testimony? What can you do to have more courage in those contexts next time you find yourself in a similar situation?
5. Read **1 Thessalonians 1:8-10**. Who needs to hear your testimony? Someone from your childhood? A coworker? A relative? When and how will you let your story of the reception of God's truth be known to them?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 15-54 – **The Salvation Experience**
Msg. 09-05 – **The Word's Clarity about Our Sin**
Msg. 12-18 – **Guilt & Forgiveness**
Msg. 18-38 – **Pardon for the Penitent**
Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
Msg. 13-02 – **Why "As You Are" Can't Stay that Way**
Msg. 13-18 – **Jesus as Judge**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

May 26th..... 1Chr.17-19 & Jn.10:1-21
May 27th..... 1Chr.20-22 & Jn.10:22-42
May 28th..... 1Chr.23-25 & Jn.11:1-17
May 29th..... 1Chr.26-27 & Jn.11:18-46
May 30th..... 1Chr.28-29 & Jn.11:47-57
May 31st..... 2Chr.1-3 & Jn.12:1-19
June 1st..... 2Chr.4-6 & Jn.12:20-50
June 2nd..... 2Chr.7-9 & Jn.13:1-17

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Woodbridge, John D., ed. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992.