



# Paul's Bold Witness Before Festus and Agrippa



Explore Paul's powerful testimony before Festus and Agrippa, learning how to use our stories boldly even when misunderstood.

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## Introduction

Welcome to this 3-day journey focusing on an incredible moment in the Apostle Paul's life — his defense before Festus and King Agrippa. These two powerful men represented authority and judgment during Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea, yet Paul seized the opportunity to clearly and boldly proclaim the gospel. His story inspires us today to use our own testimonies fearlessly, even when we face misunderstanding or opposition.

*Paul's courage stands out because he does not rely on eloquence but on the power of his personal encounter with Jesus Christ.* He shares how God's calling transformed his life from an enemy of the gospel into a devoted servant. His testimony reveals God's grace, purpose, and sovereign plan active within his struggles and trials.

As we reflect on this story, consider: How do we respond when our faith is questioned or misrepresented? Paul's example teaches us to stand firm, speak truth in love, and trust God's purposes beyond immediate circumstances. Let this study encourage you to embrace your own story and boldly declare what Christ has done in your life, no matter the audience or outcome.





## Day 1: 🧠 Paul's Defense Before Festus



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## Your Verse

*Acts 25:23-27 - 'Festus then went into the audience room, summoned the king, and reported the case...'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Acts 24:10-21 - 'Paul replied: "I have done nothing wrong against the law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar."'*
- *2 Timothy 1:7 - 'For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.'*



## Devotional: Finding Boldness in Unfamiliar Trials

**Paul's encounter with Festus reveals his composure and courage.** Despite being imprisoned and facing a new Roman governor, Paul does not shrink back or plead for mercy. Instead, he confidently presents his case. This reminds us that our defense of faith isn't about skillful rhetoric but about truth lived and testified boldly.

Festus, unfamiliar with Jewish customs and the details of Paul's situation, struggles to understand the charges. Yet Paul uses this moment to proclaim the gospel's central theme—Jesus' resurrection and the hope it brings. Even when misunderstood or misrepresented, Paul embraces his story fully. His confidence comes from God's calling and presence.

*Today, when we encounter misunderstanding or opposition, we are invited to speak boldly, not out of arrogance, but grounded in the truth and power of God's Spirit.* How might you prepare to share your faith openly, no matter the response?



Day 1: 🕊️ Paul's Defense Before Festus

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you usually respond when your faith or beliefs are misunderstood?

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2. In what ways can you rely more on God's Spirit for boldness rather than your own words or strategies?

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3. What part of your story might God be calling you to share more courageously?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you felt intimidated sharing your faith—how could Paul's example encourage you?

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2. List three truths about your experience with God that you want to share with others.

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3. Reflect on moments when God gave you courage to speak—how did that impact you?

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## Day 1: 🕊️ Paul's Defense Before Festus

## Prayer for Today


**Lord, thank You for the powerful example of Paul's bold witness before Festus.** Help me to lean on Your Spirit when I feel uncertain or misunderstood. Give me courage to share my story truthfully and lovingly. May my words reflect Your grace and truth, bringing hope to those who listen. Strengthen me to trust Your purposes even in difficult moments. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏 ✨ 💪 📖





## Day 2: Paul's Testimony to King Agrippa



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## Your Verse

*Acts 26:1-23 - 'King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense...'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Acts 22:6-16 - 'I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions...'*
- *1 Peter 3:15 - 'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.'*



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## Devotional: Using Your Story to Shine God's Light

**Before King Agrippa, Paul offers a personal and powerful testimony.** He recounts his life as a persecutor of Christians, his dramatic encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, and his commission to bring light to both Jews and Gentiles. His story isn't just a defense; it's an invitation to faith.

Paul's approach is transparent, honest, and rooted in God's grace. He uses his past mistakes not as shame but as a platform to highlight God's redeeming power. His vulnerability makes his message compelling and relatable.

*When we share our stories, we don't need to hide our failures or struggles—instead, we show how God uses even our brokenness for His glory.* This empowers us to witness authentically and impactfully, even when those listening may have preconceived judgments.



## Reflect and Apply

1. What parts of your story do you find difficult to share, and why?

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2. How can vulnerability become a strength in sharing your faith?

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3. In what ways has God transformed your weaknesses into witnesses?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write your personal testimony focusing on how God's grace has changed you.

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2. Reflect on a time when sharing your story impacted someone else positively.

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3. Describe any fears or barriers you face in sharing your faith openly.

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Day 2: 📖 Paul's Testimony to King Agrippa

## Prayer for Today

**Gracious Father, thank You for the testimony of Paul that reveals Your transforming power.** Help me embrace my story, including imperfections and failures, knowing that You can use it for Your glory. Give me the courage and wisdom to share my faith authentically, so that others might come to know Your love and grace. Anchor me deeply in Your grace as I step out to witness.

*Amen.* 🙏❤️🕊️📖





## Day 3: 💡 Embracing Boldness When Misunderstood





## Your Verse

*Acts 26:24-32 - 'At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted...'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 8:28 - 'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...'*
- *2 Corinthians 12:9 - 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'*



## Devotional: Standing Firm When Facing Rejection

**Paul's testimony is met with misunderstanding and even mockery, yet he remains unwavering.** Festus calls him crazy, and Agrippa is almost persuaded yet hesitant. This moment shows that even when our message is rejected or misjudged, our calling remains firm.

Paul's confidence is rooted not in human approval but in God's purposes. He understands that suffering and opposition are often part of faithful witness. Our trials don't mean failure but can be conduits for God's power and glory.

*When misunderstood, we are invited to trust God's plan, lean into His grace, and remain bold for the gospel.* Let Paul's example encourage you to stand strong when your story is misrepresented or dismissed, knowing God works all things for good.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you typically react when your faith story is misunderstood or mocked?

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2. What biblical truths can you hold onto to remain strong during rejection?

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3. In what ways can challenges deepen your reliance on God?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a time you felt misunderstood because of your faith—how did you respond?

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2. Write about how God has turned a difficult situation into something good in your life.

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3. Describe ways you can prepare your heart to respond with grace when opposed.

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Day 3: 💡 Embracing Boldness When Misunderstood

## Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the **example of Paul**, who stood firm despite **rejection**. Help me to trust Your sovereign plan when I face misunderstanding or opposition. Fill me with Your grace and strength to respond with love, perseverance, and boldness. May my witness remain authentic, grounded in Your truth, and fruitful for Your kingdom. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏💪🕊️📖





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