

Sermon Listening Guide

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Title: The Danger of Procrastination

Scripture: Acts 24:22–27

As Paul was being tried before the Roman Governor, Felix and his wife Drucilla were confronted with a clear proclamation of the gospel but failed to respond in faith. They are an example of the dangers associated with spiritual procrastination.

Felix delayed deciding Paul's case because he was afraid that if he dismissed the case as Roman law required, he would incite the Jews to riot and cause trouble for him back in Rome. So, he procrastinated and left Paul a prisoner. But more importantly, he procrastinated in deciding to surrender his life to Christ.

Procrastination is a universal human tendency, but it is especially dangerous when it comes to responding to God.

- **Four Spiritual Dangers of Procrastination:**

- 1. **Familiarity Without Faith:**

- Knowing about Jesus and the gospel is not enough if it does not lead to personal faith and trust in Him.

- 2. **Hearing Without Heeding:**

- Simply listening to the message without acting on it is self-deception; true spiritual growth requires obedience.

- 3. **Conviction Without Conversion:**

- Feeling bad about sin is not the same as repentance and transformation. True conversion means turning away from sin.

- 4. **Delay Without Decision:**

- Putting off a spiritual decision can lead to a hardening of the heart and lost opportunity, as seen in Felix who repeatedly sent for Paul but ultimately took no action.

The fate of Felix and Drucilla serves as a sober warning: procrastination can have eternal consequences, and there is no guarantee of another opportunity

Scripture urges us not to put off the decision to trust Jesus. The call to salvation is urgent. Today is the day of salvation.