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# Acts 25:23-27

## PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA

<sup>23</sup> So the next day, Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the auditorium with the military commanders and prominent men of the city. When Festus gave the command, Paul was brought in. <sup>24</sup> Then Festus said, "King Agrippa and all men present with us, you see this man. The whole Jewish community has appealed to me concerning him, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he should not live any longer.

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<sup>25</sup>I found that he had not done anything deserving of death, but when he himself appealed to the Emperor, I decided to send him. <sup>26</sup>I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore, I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after this examination is over, I may have something to write. <sup>27</sup>For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner without indicating the charges against him.”

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## PAUL'S DEFENSE BEFORE AGRIPPA

<sup>1</sup>Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense: <sup>2</sup>"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, <sup>3</sup>especially since you are very knowledgeable about all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

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<sup>4</sup>“All the Jews know my way of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own people and in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>They have known me for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived as a Pharisee.

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<sup>6</sup>And now I stand on trial because of the hope in what God promised to our ancestors, <sup>7</sup>the promise our twelve tribes hope to reach as they earnestly serve him night and day. King Agrippa, I am being accused by the Jews because of this hope.

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<sup>8</sup>Why do any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

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<sup>9</sup>In fact, I myself was convinced that it was necessary to do many things in opposition to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup>I actually did this in Jerusalem, and I locked up many of the saints in prison, since I had received authority for that from the chief priests. When they were put to death, I was in agreement against them. <sup>11</sup>In all the synagogues I often punished them and tried to make them blaspheme. Since I was terribly enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

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<sup>12</sup>“I was traveling to Damascus under these circumstances with authority and a commission from the chief priests. <sup>13</sup>King Agrippa, while on the road at midday, I saw a light from heaven brighter than the sun, shining around me and those traveling with me. <sup>14</sup>We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice speaking to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

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<sup>15</sup>“I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

“And the Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup>But get up and stand on your feet. For I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.

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<sup>17</sup>I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup>to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

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<sup>19</sup>“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. <sup>20</sup>Instead, I preached to those in Damascus first, and to those in Jerusalem and in all the region of Judea, and to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works worthy of repentance.

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<sup>21</sup>For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and were trying to kill me. <sup>22</sup>To this very day, I have had help from God, and I stand and testify to both small and great, saying nothing other than what the prophets and Moses said would take place—<sup>23</sup>that the Messiah would suffer, and that, as the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles.”

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<sup>24</sup>As he was saying these things in his defense, Festus exclaimed in a loud voice, "You're out of your mind, Paul! Too much study is driving you mad."

<sup>25</sup>But Paul replied, "I'm not out of my mind, most excellent Festus. On the contrary, I'm speaking words of truth and good judgment. <sup>26</sup>For the king knows about these matters, and I can speak boldly to him. For I am convinced that none of these things has escaped his notice, since this was not done in a corner. <sup>27</sup>King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you believe."

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<sup>28</sup>Agrippa said to Paul, “Are you going to persuade me to become a Christian so easily?”

<sup>29</sup>“I wish before God,” replied Paul, “that whether easily or with difficulty, not only you but all who listen to me today might become as I am—except for these chains.”

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<sup>30</sup>The king, the governor, Bernice, and those sitting with them got up, <sup>31</sup>and when they had left they talked with each other and said, “This man is not doing anything to deserve death or imprisonment.”

<sup>32</sup>Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

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