

SENT: A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS  
Acts 24:1-27  
New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green  
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1. Tell The \_\_\_\_\_ People You Meet Along The Way...  
...They've Stopped Short Of The \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 24:1-3 (NIV2011) *"Five days later the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor. <sup>2</sup> When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented his case before Felix: 'We have enjoyed a long period of peace under you, and your foresight has brought about reforms in this nation. <sup>3</sup> Everywhere and in every way, most excellent Felix, we acknowledge this with profound gratitude.'"*

Acts 24:4-9 (NIV2011) *"[Tertullus continued]... 'In order not to weary you further, I would request that you be kind enough to hear us briefly. <sup>5</sup> We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect <sup>6</sup> and even tried to desecrate the Temple; so we seized him. <sup>7</sup> But the commander, Lysias, came and with the use of much force snatched him from our hands. <sup>8</sup> By examining him yourself you will be able to learn the truth about all these charges we are bringing against him.' <sup>9</sup> The other Jews joined in the accusation, asserting that these things were true."*

Acts 24:10 (NIV2011) *"When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: 'I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense.'"*

Acts 24:11-13 (NIV2011) *"[Paul continued]... 'You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. <sup>12</sup> My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the Temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. <sup>13</sup> And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me.'"*

Acts 24:14-15 (NIV2011) *"[Paul continued further]... 'I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, <sup>15</sup> and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.'"*

Acts 24:16-18 (NIV2011) *"[Paul spoke]... 'I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. <sup>17</sup> After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. <sup>18</sup> I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the Temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance.'"*

Acts 24:19-20 (NIV2011) *"[Paul spoke further]... 'There are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup> Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin...'"*

Acts 24:20-21 (NIV2011) *"[Paul concluded]... 'These who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin— <sup>21</sup> unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: "It is concerning the RESURRECTION of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"*

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Acts 24:22-23 (NIV2011) *"Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. 'When Lysias the commander comes,' he said, 'I will decide your case.' <sup>23</sup> He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs."*

Acts 24:24-25 (NIV2011) *"Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, 'That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.'"*

Acts 24:26 (NIV2011) *"At the same time [Felix] was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him."*

Acts 24:27 (NIV2011) *"When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison."*