

When It's Convenient

Acts 24:1—25:12

1. Accusations

Acts 24:1–9

2. A Defense

Acts 24:10–21

3. A Non-Decision

Acts 24:22–27

4. An Appeal

Acts 25:1–12

Application:

Life Group Questions

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Opener: What is the most effective incentive someone could use to persuade you to do a favor for them?

1. Read Acts 24:1–9. Felix had a reputation of violently suppressing rebellions against Rome. How might Tertullus hope that would compensate for the lack of evidence he can offer?
2. What are the charges against Paul?
3. Read Acts 24:10–21. What points does Paul make in his defense?
4. Read Acts 24:22–27. As Paul shares his faith, Felix tells him to stop because he becomes afraid. What did Paul share and why do you think Felix was afraid?
5. Paul does not hold back when sharing the truth of the Gospel. Do you ever find yourself holding back when sharing the gospel for the sake of not offending someone? Or do you intentionally decide not to share the gospel because you do not want to stir the pot and make someone uncomfortable?
6. Paul was in prison for two years. If you were in prison for your faith, how long would it take before you began to be discouraged and ask God, “How long?”
7. God’s timing is often different from our own. Share a time when you had to wait on God.
8. Read Acts 25:1–12. In your opinion, why does Paul wait until now to appeal to Caesar?
9. Paul is obviously more concerned with pleasing God and not people. Share a story when pleasing God meant upsetting someone else.
10. Read James 4:17. Submitting to God is a matter of obedience rather than convenience. How has this principle played out in your own life?

Memory Verse: James 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (ESV)

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