

# Take Courage

Acts 22:30—23:35

## 1. What's the Story?

A. Before the \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 22:30—23:11

B. The Plot to Kill \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 23:12–22

C. Transferred to \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 23:23–35

## 2. Why Tell the Story?

A. This is important information, especially if \_\_\_\_\_ .

B. Christianity has always been \_\_\_\_\_ .

C. Paul is always given just enough information  
to keep him \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Life Group Questions

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**Read the passage** and summarize the story in your own words. God’s providence in this story is incredible. List all the ways God protected Paul in this story. How have you seen God’s providence in your own life?

Read Matthew 23:27–28. When Paul called the High Priest a “whitewashed wall,” what did he mean? What kind of person would fit this description today?

Read Exodus 22:28. Paul quotes this verse when talking about the High Priest. Is this principle applicable today? Why or why not? How is Exodus 22:28 similar to Romans 13:3–5?

Read Acts 23: 6–10. Why does Paul change the focus from whether he has kept the law to his hope in the resurrection? Given the tension on this issue between the Pharisees and Sadducees, describe what you think the next few minutes of the assembly must have looked like.

We last heard God speak to Paul in 18:9–10, after he had experienced a series of setbacks. How would the Lord’s message in verse 11 help Paul again?

When facing death, what duty do you want to have fulfilled before God? How can you pursue that course this week?

Rome was Paul’s next crucial step in his journey to spread the Gospel. What could be your “Rome”—the next crucial step in your spiritual journey? Why do you think so?

Through this passage we see Paul encounter a number of obstacles, yet with the Lord’s encouragement and the power of the Holy Spirit, he is able to “buck up” and stick to the course. What can we learn from this and apply to the course of our lives?

#### **Memory Verse:** Acts 23:11

The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

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