

## **Digging Deeper: 06/11/23**

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Acts 22:30-23:5

Day 1: Read Acts 22:30-23:35; Consider the overall purpose and content of this section. What purpose does this text from the Word of God serve? Spend some time praying over the context, meaning, and the application of the text and that this week the Holy Spirit would reveal fully the truth of this passage.

Day 2: Today, consider the opposition that the Apostle Paul faced in preaching the truth. Why was there such opposition and hatred? What prompted it? What lessons can be learned on perseverance and dedication? What have you learned in being sensitive to follow the Spirit of God and to earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 3)?

Day 3: Paul says in Acts 23:1 that he has lived with a clear conscience till this day. Review these passages: Hebrews 5:14- What is the conscience? 1 Tim 1:19: Why is a clear conscience important? Roms 14:1: why is important to respect those with a weaker conscience? Discuss 1 Tim 1:5-7.

Day 4 : Consider the preaching yesterday of Pastor Joe and standing on the truth in the midst of a culture now celebrating sin and condemning and even persecuting truth. What should our response be? What scriptures do you stand on to arrive at this position?

Day 5: Consider Pastor Joe's exposition of Matt 22:27-30 and this verse: This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment. What is Jesus referring to? How do we obey this command?

Day 6: Today consider how we as people of the truth must be faithful to the truth and faithfully live and proclaim the truth in the midst of opposition? What do you see coming in the days or months ahead where you/we will need to stand less we fall? Today, pray for the Church and our faithful witness.