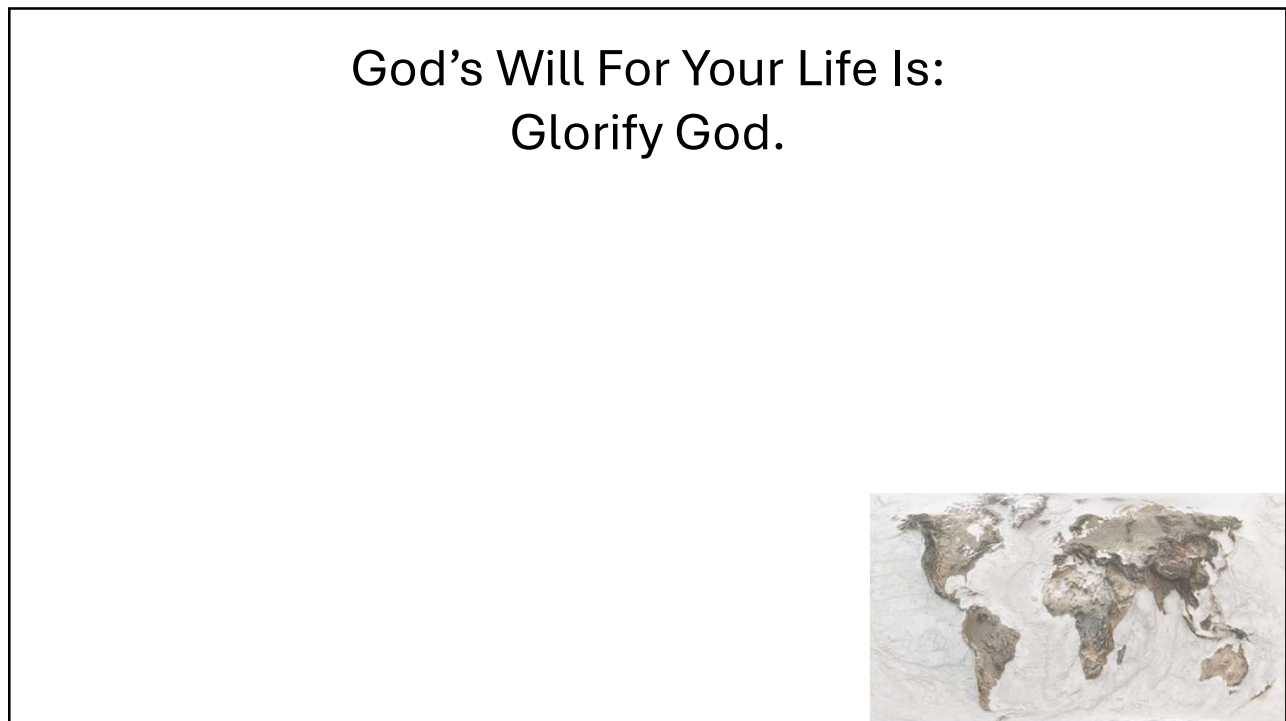


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Acts 25-26



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Character Displayed – 25:1-12

Continued Pursuit

- As the government leadership changes, the hatred boils
- Without Paul present in Jerusalem
 - The chief priest and principal men laid out their case before Festus
 - Planned an ambush to kill Paul
 - Festus refused to move Paul from Caesarea



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Character Displayed – 25:1-12

Continued Pursuit

- As the government leadership changes, the hatred boils
- Without Paul present in Jerusalem
- Two years did not calm the hatred towards Paul and the message of the church



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Character Displayed – 25:1-12

Continued Pursuit

Unconvincing Allegations

- The Jews had serious charges without proof
- Paul's defense
 - Not against the law of the Jews
 - Not against the temple
 - Not against Caesar
- Fetus wished to give the Jews a favor



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Character Displayed – 25:1-12

Continued Pursuit

Unconvincing Allegations

Paul Exercises His Right

- Not going to Jerusalem
- Decision to go to Rome



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**God Never Loses Control And
Nothing Takes Him By Surprise.**



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Confused Conclusions – 25:13-27

Agrippa

- King – son of Herod Agrippa I (killed James – Acts 12:1)
 - Struck dead by God (Acts 12:20-23)
- Grandson of Herod the Great (Early life of Christ)
- Bernice – Agrippa's sister
- Gathered with prominent men and the military tribunes



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Confused Conclusions – 25:13-27

Agrippa

Obvious Points Of Disagreement

- No fought especially deserving death
- Needed advice on writing the Ceasar concerning the charges



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Matthew 10:17–20

Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



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Confidants In Christ – 26:1-32

Life Before Christ

- Life in Judaism
- Life as a Pharisee
- Opposed the name of Jesus
- Oppressed the church even approved of the death of believers
- Attempted to make believers blaspheme



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Confidants In Christ – 26:1-32

Life Before Christ

Then Christ...

- On the way to Damascus
- Stopped by Jesus
- Calling for ministry
 - Identified as Jesus
 - Appointed servant and witness
 - Deliver message to the Gentiles
 - Message to turn from Satan and darkness and receive forgiveness of sin and sanctified by faith in Christ



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Confidants In Christ – 26:1-32

Life Before Christ

Then Christ...

- On the way to Damascus
- Stopped by Jesus
- Calling for ministry
- Following the calling
 - Damascus then Jerusalem then Judea then the world
 - Message to repent
 - Christ must suffer, die, and be the first be raised from the dead
 - He must be proclaimed to all



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Confidants In Christ – 26:1-32

Life Before Christ

Then Christ...

Harsh Reactions

- Festus – Paul is out of his mind
- Paul – not of his mind, but speaking boldly
- King Agrippa – “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?”
- Paul – “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am – except for these chains.”



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Confidants In Christ – 26:1-32

Life Before Christ

Then Christ...

Harsh Reactions

Paul's Passion For The Gospel And Compassion For All

- Willing to stay a prisoner for Christ's sake
- Roman providing protection for Paul from the Jews that wanted to kill him
- No law broken and almost free, but Paul appealed to Ceasar



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Whether Short Or Long... Passion Demonstrated By Compassion

