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## Standing for Christ Among Kings

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### **TODAY'S READING:** Acts 26

Paul's speech in Acts 26 before King Agrippa is the culmination of Paul's defense in chapters 21-26. The Jewish King Agrippa and his sister, Bernice, are introduced in the previous chapter as they visited Festus. Agrippa is the grandson of Herod the Great, who was ruling when Jesus was born. Festus asked for Agrippa's assistance because he had no specific charges against Paul.

In his defense to King Agrippa, Paul shares his testimony conversion in Damascus and how Jesus called him to be a servant and witness for the gospel. During the conversation, Paul takes the opportunity to witness to both King Agrippa and his sister. Even though Agrippa states in verse 28 that Paul could not persuade him to be a Christian, Agrippa could find no fault in Paul. All three times that Paul appeared before Roman officials, each stated that Paul had not done anything that deserved death or imprisonment.

One significant thing worth noting from this passage is Paul's lack of intimidation. In previous chapters of Acts, it has been clear that Paul was never intimidated by threats of violence or harm. Paul could walk into a room filled with the most important people in his community and share his personal testimony with them and invite them to consider becoming believers themselves. How would you do in such a setting? Would you be reluctant to be so bold among important people? Or do you think you would respond much like Paul did? As believers, we should be prepared and empowered like Paul to give a defense for our hope of our eternal life.

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, thank You for Your power that guides me to be a witness and share my testimony and invite others to consider a relationship with Christ. I pray that my

witnessing would honor Christ and build His kingdom.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Acts 27

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