



Your Amazing Story

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TODAY'S READING: Acts 22

Starting with Paul's arrival in Jerusalem in Acts 21, Paul transitions from "Paul the missionary" to "Paul the prisoner." In the last eight chapters of Acts, Paul is put on the defense for his faith and life. In Acts 21-28, Paul the prisoner appears before the mob (Acts 21b-22) and before the Sanhedrin council (Acts 23a). In Acts 23b-26, he appears before the governors of Judea and before the king of Palestine. In Acts 28, Paul the prisoner appears before Jews and visitors. The beauty of our faith is that it has the perfect defense, our story. No one can dispute the facts of our story. Philosophy can be discussed. Theology can be discussed. History and its meaning can be discussed. But when God changes the direction of our lives, there is no offensive argument that can stop it.

In Acts 22, Paul shares his story--his testimony. We see the three sections of a personal testimony. In Acts 22:1-5, we read about Paul's life before receiving Jesus. In Acts 22:6-11, we read about how Paul received Jesus. And finally, in Acts 22:12-15, we read about how Jesus changed Paul's life and made it meaningful. There are a lot of details that Paul shared in his story. He chose them to describe how Jesus changed his life. Even though Paul's story of taking the gospel to the Gentiles is violently rejected by the mob, Paul continues to share his story in the remaining chapters of Acts.

How about your story? When was the last time you shared your personal testimony? Sharing your testimony is one of the most effective ways to witness for Jesus Christ. It is your story; your firsthand account of what God through Jesus Christ has done in your life. If you have never shared your story, then I would like to challenge you to write it out and start sharing it. Just like Paul, your testimony should describe your life before receiving Jesus, how you received Jesus, and how Jesus makes your life meaningful.

Every believer has a testimony of how God saved them and transformed their lives. It is to be shared so others may know the life changing work of Jesus Christ. Be a faithful steward of your testimony.

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for saving and transforming my life. I cannot imagine my life without You. Please give me opportunities this week to share my testimony and the courage to share

it. Amen.

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