



## Witnessing in Trials

*By Shannon Ford on June 30, 2021*

### **TODAY'S READING:** Acts 24

In Acts 24, Paul is under arrest and awaiting trial before Felix, the Roman governor of Judea from A.D. 52-59. After hearing the charges from the Jewish leaders and Paul's rebuttal, Felix quickly perceives that Paul has done nothing worthy of Roman punishment. But he knows if he acquits him, the Jewish leaders will stir up a riot and possibly murder Paul. So, Felix keeps Paul in prison until the end of his term of office.

Paul's trial before Felix and imprisonment lasted two years. Our trials can often last a long time with no explanation. However, Paul used his trial and arrest as an opportunity to witness. In Acts 24:24-25, we read about Paul's private conversation with Governor Felix and his wife, Drusilla.

Paul was probably one of the most knowledgeable, well-trained, and effective speakers of his time. He had spent years by this time telling others, both Jews and Gentiles, about his faith in Jesus Christ and the scriptural evidence that backed his beliefs. While he inspired many people to believe, there were many others who did not. Paul spoke to Felix and his wife and appeared to have their attention and respect, but neither acted on what Paul was sharing. It appears that neither Felix nor his wife fully believed Paul's message of the gospel.

How do you feel when you speak out and witness for the Lord and do not get the response you hope for? Are you quick to give up and stop sharing with others? Or, like Paul, do you keep going until you find someone willing to respond. The next time you are in a trial, do not whine about your circumstances. Instead, witness for Christ. You never know who is listening and ready to respond.

**PRAYER:** Lord, You have commanded us to be Your witnesses regardless of the circumstances. Help us to witness, not whine, the next time we are in the middle of a trial or storm. Amen.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** Acts 25

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