



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of August 2, 2026

Acts 24:22-27

[22] But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” [23] Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs. [24] After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. [25] And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” [26] At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. [27] When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

1. From a Christian's perspective, Governor Felix wasted a golden opportunity to come to faith and be discipled by the Apostle Paul. Why do you think Felix could not understand the mistake he was making, even though he had a '*rather accurate knowledge of the Way*'? Have you ever missed an opportunity for the same reason? Explain.
2. Why do you think it can feel comfortable, safe and secure in our indecisiveness and procrastination? When might 'kicking the can down the road' (ie. putting things off until later) be a good thing? When is it bad?
3. Paul (like Jesus and John the Baptist before him) never shied away from speaking of God's righteousness and the coming judgment whenever he preached the gospel. Why is it absolutely necessary to speak of the holiness of God as well as sin's horrifying consequences when we share the good news with unbelievers?
4. As a result of Paul's preaching, Felix is alarmed (the Greek word *émphobos* suggests being locked *in* a *state* of fear; in *the grip* of a *fearful state of mind*.) What do you think causes this fear and is this a good or bad thing for Felix? How does he respond in v.25?
5. Do you know people who were at one time interested in Christianity, perhaps they even came to church and read a bible, but never put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ? Even if you don't know someone like this, what do you think kept them from believing and being saved? Do you think it is now easier or harder for that person to be saved? Explain.
6. Even Christians procrastinate and put things off to tomorrow instead of dealing with them today. How have you been guilty of this in the past? Currently, what are you putting off to tomorrow that needs to be addressed today? What will you do about it?