

2024 - Family Devo

Dec 29 - a



READ: Acts 28:11-24

Main Idea: Paul finally makes it safely to Rome. He is allowed to wait for trial living by himself on house arrest. Soon he called the Jewish leaders together from that town and told them about his situation. He uses this opportunity to try to win them to Christ. He talks to them from morning till evening and even though he didn't convince all of them, some did become believers.

DISCUSS

Children: Paul has finally arrived in Rome. All the prisoners were taken to prison, except for Paul. He was allowed to live in a house by himself with a soldier who guarded him. Paul used every opportunity that God gave him to share the Good News. Being allowed to live in his own home with a prisoner guarding him was a great opportunity to share the Good News to anyone who could come to his house. After days of being in Rome Paul invited the leaders of the Jews to come to his house. These Jews heard Paul explain the Good News. All these years the Jewish people had been waiting for God to send the Savior. Now they had heard the truth that God had sent His Son Jesus as the Savior of the world. As they heard Paul's message some of the people believed what Paul was saying but others did not believe.

Teen: Why did Paul use the law of Moses and the prophets to persuade them? Does God have words to reach you no matter where you are? The truth of God's word is seen from book to book, from Old Testament to New, and across thousands of years. Does not believing it make it any less true?

Adult: If you'd been through Paul's trials, how would you have felt to see Christians who were friendly and had traveled far to see you? Would you have been encouraged or would you still dread what was ahead of you in Rome? In Rome, Paul called the Jewish leaders together. Just like in most of the towns he visited, he started with Jews. During the days he was waiting to talk with them, how do you think he spent his time? Did he already have his sermon planned? Did he have to polish it to convince these "highbrow" Roman citizens? Did he ask God for wisdom?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Romans 6:23 (ESV)
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Main Idea: The book of Acts closes with Paul working as always to spread the gospel. While he continues to await trial, he keeps proclaiming Jesus to any who would come visit him.

DISCUSS

Children: Paul stayed in his home guarded by a soldier for 2 years and whoever came to him to hear him preach about Jesus he welcomed into his home. Every time someone came to him he freely taught him/her the Good News. The Holy Spirit enabled Paul to use whatever situation he was in to point others to Jesus. Paul didn't waste any time feeling sorry for himself. He wasn't bitter, angry or resentful toward God or those who were responsible for his imprisonment. The Holy Spirit enabled Paul to trust God and walk with Him no matter what his circumstances were.

Teen: Did Paul stand strong in his faith? Where did the strength to do so come from? Did Paul turn anyone away, or soften the truth? What was Paul's purpose in life? What is your purpose?

Adult: Paul ends his debate by telling the Jews that salvation has been sent to the Gentiles. How would that have made the Jews feel? Do you think Paul was too blunt with them? How would you have felt in Paul's shoes? He'd been teaching all day with mixed results. What do you think the Jews did after they left? Especially the ones who were convinced and those who didn't believe?

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