

# 2024 - Family Devo

## Dec 8 - a



### READ: Acts 26:24-32

**Main Idea:** While Paul is still giving his defense and talking about how Jesus rose from the dead, Festus interrupts him and tells him he is out of his mind. Paul argues that not only is he in his right mind, but he turns the focus to Agrippa saying he's sure that the King understands what he's saying. Agrippa asks Paul if he really thinks that he can make him a Christian in such a short time. What an example Paul is for us in this instance where he is defending his life, he is even more focused on trying to win more souls to Jesus.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Paul told King Agrippa that he is just saying the same things that the prophets said. Moses said that a Savior would come and suffer and then rise from the dead, who was Jesus. Paul asked "Do you believe the prophets? I know that you do." Do we believe that God sent his son Jesus who died and rose from the dead?

**Teen:** Is it a high priority for us today to win people over for Jesus? Why did you answer the way you did? If your answer is no, what needs to change for us to have a greater focus on sharing Jesus with the lost?

**Adult:** Why is it that in an argument some people resort to personal attacks? What do you think Festus was trying to do by calling Paul insane? Did Paul turn the tables by then speaking to King Agrippa rather than Festus? Or did he just know that Agrippa might be a more fertile listener? What do you think convinced the listeners that Paul did not deserve death or imprisonment?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Romans 6:23 (ESV)**  
**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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### READ: Acts 27:1-20

**Main Idea:** Paul is now on a cargo ship headed to Rome to stand trial before Caesar. The journey became difficult because of poor weather and Paul warns the centurion about pressing forward in spite of the weather. The centurion ignores Paul's advice and sure enough they become caught in the storm and can't easily move. Due to cloud cover they lose visibility and can't navigate and even lose hope that they will survive the trip.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Whenever we face difficulty, we are NEVER alone. If we are Christians, the Holy Spirit lives in our heart and is always with us. Many times God puts another believer alongside to encourage us as we go through difficult times. Before the ship became in danger sailing in bad weather, it sailed to a place called Sidon and the passengers got off. Julius showed Paul kindness and allowed Paul to go and spend time with his friends and receive care from them. Can you see how God was giving Paul favor through Julius?

**Teen:** What is the outcome when we listen to worldly advice instead of Godly direction? When you realize you are on the wrong path what do you need to do to correct it?

**Adult:** Have you given advice that was not heeded and you were right? How do you think Paul reacted during this time when he was proved right? Do you think he gloated and wanted everyone to acknowledge he had been correct? Do you think he reacted another way? The sailors took more drastic steps once prior steps didn't work. What do you think Paul was thinking as he watched?

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