

# 2024 - Family Devo

## Oct 27 - a



### READ: Acts 23:12-22

**Main Idea:** Even though the Roman tribune has removed Paul from the danger of the Jews who wanted to kill him, their threat is not over. Some of them took an oath to not eat or drink until they had killed Paul. Their plan was to intercept him while being transported from the barracks to the Jewish council for further questioning. But when Paul's nephew overhears their plot, he is able to get word of it to the tribune. God works in mysterious ways, and Paul is being protected Just as Jesus said he would be.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** While Paul was safe in the barracks, unbelieving Jews were plotting evil plans against him. Since we don't have all the details of the 'who' and the 'where' of this plan, let's use our imaginations as we discover the plans to harm Paul. Can you see more than 40 people trying to agree on anything? They must have been really upset to not eat or drink until they killed Paul. How long do you think they sat in hiding waiting on him to come by and he never did?

**Teen:** Does Jesus always keep his promises? Is the Word worthy of our trust? What words of protection does Jesus have for us?

**Adult:** We don't know exactly how young Paul's nephew was. Why do you think Paul asked the centurion to help rather than expecting the young man to go by himself? Are you surprised that the tribune listened and took action based on his information? Do you think the age of the boy mattered? Does the responsibility the tribune has to Paul impact this?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Psalm 119:11 (ESV)**  
**I have stored up your**  
**word in my heart,**  
**that I might not sin**  
**against you.**

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### READ: Acts 23:23-35

**Main Idea:** The Roman tribune (military leader) makes sure the plot of the Jews to kill Paul would not succeed. He orders 470 soldiers to take Paul to governor Felix with a letter. The letter says that the tribune rescued Paul from the Jews who were about to kill him since he learned he was a Roman citizen. Notice how the letter leaves out the part of the tribune having Paul illegally bound and almost flogged before he found out he was a Roman citizen.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Needing to protect Paul from the assassination plot, he is sent with two centurions, two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to the governor's capital. That's a lot of protection for someone, don't you think? He also included a letter saying the Jews attacked Paul—but he can't figure out why. Governor Felix tells Paul he will hold him until his accusers arrive and the trial begins. And this begins Paul's two-year stay in Caesarea. If you had been Paul, would you be afraid? Why or why not?

**Teen:** When we tell about something that happened, do we ever leave out the parts that make us look bad? Does not saying it make it any less true? Can you hide it from God?

**Adult:** Do you ever see people shifting a problem to someone else? Once, an individual intentionally worked to get a less than adequate employee not only moved out of his area, but promoted as well. Do you think this is what the tribune was doing? Why do people take this approach? Do you think it was outside his area of responsibility? If you had been in his shoes, what action would you have taken?

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