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WARM UP

When was the last time that you worked so hard at something that in the end you were happy you worked so hard at it?

WORD

MOTES

Read Acts 26

Paul retells his story of how Jesus met him on the road to Damascus, but this time, he tells it before the Roman procurator, Festus, who had just taken over the job from Felix. What would initially start as a defence of Paul's activity, would now be an opportunity for Paul to preach the Gospel to Festus.

1 Not Just What You Say

²"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defence today against all the accusations of the Jews, ³especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

Acts 26:2,3 (ESV)

From simply reading the text, one can see both the conviction of the Holy Spirit and the honour he had towards Roman authority. When we have the opportunity to tell people about how God has changed our lives, we must seize that opportunity and pray that hearing ears will actually listen.

| Have you had the opportunity recently to tell someone about your relationship with God? If you have, how did you do? If you haven't, what will it take for you to share your faith? | | | | | | |
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2 Are You Trying to Convert Me?

²⁸And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?" ²⁹And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would pray to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

Acts 26:28,29 (ESV)

Paul keeps his singular mission in mind - to preach the Gospel. There is the overarching call on every believer to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

| let these obstacles go today? | O | O | , | Ü |
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| • If you have faith in God, are you willing to s | hare your f | faith wi | th other | people? |
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Is there anything stopping your faith in God from growing? Are you willing to

► PRAYER

- Ask God to show you who is on His heart for you to preach the Gospel to. List the names of people He shows you.
- Ask God for resilience and strength to be able to share your faith with others.
- Pray for the persecuted around the world who are preaching the Gospel in restricted nations.