

Sermon Notes

Faithfully Testifying About Jesus

Acts 21:27-23:24

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21:27-36 The Jews in the temple attacked Paul. The Romans stopped it and took custody of Paul.

Avoid being a wrong part of a conflict.

- 1) Don't entertain accusations without the facts.
- 2) Be careful about getting riled up, w/o knowing the truth.
- 3) Don't join an angry mob, even with just one other person.
- 4) If it's right for you to be involved, proceed in a calm and orderly manner, in accord with truth.

God used those people's bad behavior to achieve what He wanted.

God can take bad things that happen to us and use them for good.

21:37-22:22 Paul's gave his testimony to the Jews.

Be prepared to tell your story to a non-Christian.

What were you like before you came to trust Jesus?

How did you come to recognize you needed Jesus?

How did you start trusting Jesus?

Whatever you were before faith in Jesus doesn't have to define you. You can change, can heal. You are a new creation in Christ.

22:22-29 Paul almost got whipped, but got out of it by claiming his citizen rights

22:30-23:10 A hearing was held with the Jews over Paul. Paul pitted them against one another, and got out of there.

23:12-24 Paul found out the Jews' plot to kill him, and told the Romans, and they prevented it.

We need to be willing to accept suffering if it comes from us doing what the Lord wants, but we don't have to suffer, if it's avoidable.

Christians have theological differences. But we shouldn't argue heatedly over our differences. We should discuss them calmly.

23:11 Jesus appeared to Paul to encourage him in his witness.

Paul had been a strong witness in Jerusalem, even though nobody believed.

Our responsibility is to be faithful to testify, not make people believe.

Jesus told him to be courageous, despite the attacks, for he would still testify in Rome.

If you are afraid to testify about Jesus, be courageous.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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