



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 24	Title:	In All Circumstances Preach the Gospel
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Summary of Chapter	Paul was tried under false pretenses and yet was bold in his defense. He proclaimed the gospel to a wider audience during the trial. He also used the opportunity under imprisonment to reach out personally to Felix and Drusilla.		

Key Verse(s)	How does it speak to me?
<p><i>¹⁵ I have the same hope in God that these men have, that he will raise both the righteous and the unrighteous.</i></p> <p><i>¹⁶ Because of this, I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people.</i></p>	<p>For me the chapter speaks about standing up for our faith even under the most difficult circumstances. Paul was almost killed in Acts 23 had not God intervened, and the Jews continued their accusations in Acts 24, which could have resulted in serious consequences for Paul.</p> <p>Through that Paul stood strong in his faith. He did not back down nor shy away from proclaiming his faith and standing up for the message of the gospel in the key verses in the chapter (Acts 24:14-16). He not only proclaimed his faith but also lived his life as a living testimony of his faith before God and man (v.15). His testimony was not only corporate but also personal in his witness to Felix and Drusilla. He preached the whole gospel including on self control and judgement which made Felix uncomfortable.</p> <p>This episode was highlighted in a mission trip I joined in Bintan. We split into teams and shared the gospel to 2-3 households. However we were called back and rebuked by the village elder as he did not approved. While uncomfortable I felt encouraged by Paul's example here and I know that God worked through us to plant seeds towards the salvation of these households. To God be the Glory!</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	How far would you go to speak about the gospel in standing up for our faith?
Youth:	Are you persecuted because you live Christian values? How can you find inspiration in Paul's testimony and turn these situations into opportunities to speak about the gospel?
Child:	What is the right thing to do if someone teases you for believing in Jesus?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the Gospel. Give us the wisdom to use the opportunities when we can share your Word. Please give us boldness to share the gospel even where it is uncomfortable or when there is a cost to us. Help us see that the price Jesus paid far exceeds anything that we may face and that we should have no fear in sharing the Good News.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (the creation of your sanctuary on earth)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.