

Fire and Go: Lesson 8

The Book of Acts: Chapters 22–28

The Unstoppable Mission



A Mission Redirected, Not Failed

Acts 22-28 is not the story of a stopped missionary. It is the story of human systems being used as divine platforms. — For a Spirit-filled missionary, no situation is beyond the redemptive purposes of God.



Human Intent

Arrest. Imprisonment.
Punishment. Silencing.



God's Purpose

Unprecedented access. Preaching
directly to hostile mobs, governors,
kings, sailors, and the Roman elite.



The Power of Personal Testimony

The Defense: Before a hostile Jerusalem crowd, Paul's primary defense was simply his story—his encounter with the risen Christ on the Damascus road (Acts 22).

The Principle: A personal testimony of genuine transformation is one of the most powerful, undeniable missionary tools available. No one can argue with what you have personally experienced.

The Impact: Before Governor Felix, Paul reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, making the Roman ruler tremble. Even in chains, Paul was the most spiritually powerful person in the room.

The Sustaining Word

“Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, you must also bear witness at Rome.”
— Acts 23:11

In the midst of extreme difficulty, God speaks. Hearing and holding onto the word of the Lord is essential for survival and strategy on the mission field.



**Throne
Room**

**Prison
Cell**

Accessing the Inaccessible

The Mechanism: Paul's imprisonment was the very mechanism God used to place him before King Agrippa and the regional elite (Acts 25-26).

The Presentation: Given the floor, Paul delivers a polished, brilliant recounting of his conversion and the resurrected Christ.

The Insight: Your most influential audience may be found in the most unwanted circumstances. God's redirection is never random; it grants access to spaces that free men cannot enter.

King Agrippa: “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”
(Acts 26:28)

The Apostle Paul:
“I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.” (Acts 26:29)

Even in chains, a Spirit-filled missionary's heart **is entirely focused on the salvation of everyone in the room**, not on their own freedom.

The Malta Shipwreck: Navigating the Euroclydon



1. The Storm: A violent Euroclydon threatens 276 lives.

2. The Prophecy: Paul's prophetic faith brings peace to a panicking crew.

3. The Wreck: The ship is lost, but every life is saved.

4. The Viper: A deadly bite causes no harm, opening the door to the islanders.

5. The Harvest: Paul heals Publius's father and the island's sick.

Three months of fruitful ministry resulted from what began as a total catastrophe. God wastes nothing.

An Open Ending

The Destination: Paul finally reaches Rome, preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching about Jesus Christ with all confidence, **no one forbidding him. (Acts 28:30-31)**

The Intentional Omission: Luke ends the book of Acts without a formal conclusion or a final wrap-up of Paul's life.

The Reality: The story of the Holy Spirit's missionary work through the Church is still ongoing. The book is unfinished. You are the next chapter.

Unstoppable Power in the Storm



Arrests, trials, and shipwrecks cannot silence a Spirit-empowered witness.



God consistently turns human setbacks into divine setups for His glory.



Supernatural ministry is not confined to successful times—it is most powerfully demonstrated in the eye of the storm.

**The Holy Spirit does not abandon you in the crisis;
He amplifies your witness through it.**

Reflect & Discuss

1. How effective is your own personal testimony as a witness compared to Paul's in Acts 22?

2. What does Paul's response to King Agrippa reveal about the heart of a true missionary?

3. Can you identify a time when God turned a difficult circumstance in your ministry into an unexpected harvest?

4. What does the open ending of Acts tell us about our role in the ongoing story of the Church?

Prayer Focus



Point 1 (Thanksgiving): Thank **God** that His purposes cannot be stopped by human authority, natural disaster, or spiritual opposition.

Point 2 (Intercession): Pray for missionaries worldwide who are currently imprisoned, facing trial, or enduring dangerous conditions.

Point 3 (Declaration): Speak **Acts 23:11** prophetically over them—pray they hear the Lord's sustaining voice in their darkest hour.

Action Step: Your Acts 22 Moment

- 1. Write:** Draft your personal testimony on a single page. Keep it clear, compelling, and entirely focused on the transforming power of Jesus.
- 2. Practice:** Refine it so you can share it powerfully in 2 minutes or less.
- 3. Act:** Share this testimony with at least three people this week. Your personal story is your most powerful missionary tool!

