

Acts 23–25 Study Guide for Whiskey & Worship

Acts 23: Courage Under Pressure — Trusting God’s Protection

Focus Areas:

- **Paul stands before the council**, speaking truth in a hostile environment (Acts 23:1–10).
- **The Lord encourages Paul**, assuring him his mission isn’t over (Acts 23:11).
- **A plot to kill Paul** is uncovered by his nephew (Acts 23:12–16).
- **God uses unlikely means**—Roman authorities—to protect Paul (Acts 23:17–35).

Men’s Group Reflection:

- Are you speaking truth, even when it may not be received well? Or do you shy away from it?
 - How do you respond when you’re under pressure or facing opposition for your beliefs?
 - Do you trust that God is still in control when situations feel chaotic or unfair?
 - Where do you need courage to stand firm right now?
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Acts 24: Integrity on Trial — Living with a Clear Conscience

Focus Areas:

- **Paul is accused before Governor Felix**, facing false charges (Acts 24:1–9).
- **Paul defends his faith calmly and clearly**, standing on truth (Acts 24:10–21).
- **Paul speaks about righteousness, self-control, and judgment**, convicting Felix (Acts 24:24–25).
- **Felix delays decision**, choosing convenience over conviction (Acts 24:26–27).

Men’s Group Reflection:

- Can you stand firm in truth when faced with opposition?
 - What does it mean to live with a **clear conscience before God and others**?
 - Are there areas where you’re convicted, but you’ve delayed action like Felix?
 - How do you balance boldness with respect when speaking about your faith?
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Acts 25: Standing Your Ground — Wisdom and Discernment

Focus Areas:

- **Jewish leaders continue their accusations**, seeking to have Paul transferred and killed (Acts 25:1–5).
- **Paul appeals to Caesar**, using wisdom and his rights to ensure justice (Acts 25:10–12).
- **Festus consults King Agrippa**, showing uncertainty about Paul’s case (Acts 25:13–22).
- **Paul remains steady**, trusting God’s plan even within political systems (Acts 25:23–27).

Men's Group Reflection:

- When facing pressure, do you react emotionally or respond with wisdom?
 - How do you discern when to stand your ground versus when to step back?
 - Are you trusting God's plan? Even in this current political climate?
 - Do you trust God's plan even when it unfolds through complicated or imperfect systems?
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Practical Applications for Men's Lives

Courage in Pressure:

Identify one area where you need to stand firm in your faith despite opposition or discomfort.

Clear Conscience:

Take time to examine your life—confess, correct, and realign anything that's out of step with God.

Respond, Don't React:

Practice responding to challenges with wisdom, patience, and self-control rather than emotion.

Trust God's Process:

Even when life feels delayed or uncertain, trust that God is working behind the scenes.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for courage under pressure, integrity in all situations, and wisdom to navigate life with strength and clarity.