



DEVOTIONAL TIME

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“Sometimes You’re Just Supposed to ‘Be Where You Are!’”

Acts 26:1-32

Lord, Be Glorified!

In my life, Lord, be glorified! Be glorified!
In my life, Lord, be glorified today!
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified! Be glorified!
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today!

Acts 26:1-32

“Agrippa said to Paul, ‘You have permission to speak on your own behalf.’ Paul stretched out his hand and defended himself.... Agrippa said to Paul, ‘In this short time, do you think you will make me a Christian?’ ‘Whether a short time, or a long time,’ Paul answered, ‘my prayer to God is that you and all the rest of you who are listening to me today might become what I am – except, of course, for these chains!’ Then the king, the governor, Bernice, and all the others got up, and after leaving, they said to each other, ‘This man has not done anything for which he should die or be put in prison.’ And Agrippa said to Festus, ‘This man could have been released if he had not appealed to the Emperor.’”

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY

- Have you ever found yourself in a “most uncomfortable situation”, only to realize suddenly that it was full of “meaning” & “purpose” as an awesome chance to “stand up & speak out for God”?
- Do you ever give much thought to what you would say about your faith, or your God, if given the chance to address your coworkers, boss, governor, or even national/world leaders?
- Were you ever impressed to hear a “committed believer” deliver a “testimony” of the Love and Goodness, Grace, and Mercy of God with easy confidence and earnest conviction?

Because “Christianity” is still rather “settled” in our society, it’s easy to “go blindly through our days” on “autopilot”, rather than thinking deeply about “faith”, “eternity”, or “God”. Oh, we “believe in God”, and many ascribe some reverence to Jesus Christ, but most of our “modern discipleship” is a pretty “sedate” affair; we wouldn’t want to get “fanatical” or “disagreeable” to the point of ever “offending anyone” who would hold “different opinions”. So...when “opportunity knocks”, and we can “share our faith”, and elaborate on what we’ve received of “God’s Revelation”, we tend to freeze, panic, or tell them, “Come to our church, and listen to some of our sermons. You’ll get a better picture of what we actually believe from listening to our preacher.” God, however, has chosen *us* to be the bearers of His Good News. To help us do this, He often arranges certain “unique” places at “opportune” times for us to share this Good News according to our gifts. Our task is to be ready when God brings one of these meetings about, so we can give a good account of our faith and hope! The “Message of Eternity” is important, even crucial. It is literally a matter of “life-and-death” on a cosmic scale, to an apocalyptic degree! God continues to “place His children” where He knows we can do the most good, but we must be ever ready to “seize the opportunity” when “openings” appear. Sometimes, the “Grandmaster of Grace” has arranged a “synchronicity”; we are just supposed to be where we are... to share the Message of Salvation with a brother or sister in need, regardless of our “readiness” or “preparation”! God, light a “fire in our bones” to share the Mysteries of Your Mercy and the Glories of Your Grace! Teach us to trust You enough to “stay ready” to “spread the Word” You entrusted to us! Then continue to lead us to the places we’re needed at the times we can serve You best!