



Paul, Felix, Festus and Agrippa

Acts 24:1 – 26:3

1. Paul was held in custody by Felix for a little over _____ years.
 - a. Felix apparently found _____ merit in the Jewish accusation.
 - b. Felix and his wife Drusilla listened to Paul speak about the “faith in Christ Jesus” _____ times. (Ch 24, vs 24)
 - c. Felix was “**afraid**” and hoped “Paul would offer him a **bribe**.” (Ch 24, vs 25-26)
 - d. Felix was _____, and replaced by Festus, because the people complained to Rome about corruption. (Ch 24, vs 27)
 - e. As a favor to the Jews, Felix left Paul where he was, in _____.
(Ch 24, vs 27)
 - f. In prison, Paul was **under guard**, but was also allowed “_____ freedom”, as well as to receive “care” from his _____. (Ch 24, vs 23)
2. Festus invested the charges, and:
 - a. Did _____ allow Paul to be set up for an ambush again. (Ch 25, vs 1-5)
 - b. The Jews _____ again to prove any of their charges to be valid (Ch 25, vs 7)
 - c. _____ to pass Paul back to the Jews in Jerusalem (Ch 25, vs 9)
 - d. Paul **appealed to Caesar**, to which Festus agreed. (Ch 25, vs 12)
3. When King Agrippa arrived:
 - a. Festus asked for _____ in writing up charges to send to Caesar regarding Paul. (Ch 25, vs 27)
 - b. Agrippa agreed to hear from Paul directly, in order to help Festus. (Ch 26:1-4)

For these two + years, we know what Paul was doing, what Rome was doing, and what the Jews were doing, but what was God doing?

- Paul:
- In custody, being ministered to by his friends, and ministering to them
 - _____ and _____ his testimony, and gospel message, that God had promised he would deliver in Rome.
 - Sharing the gospel and praying** for all those around him. (Ch 26, vs 29)

Romans: a. Playing _____

- Jews:
- Maintaining their hatred** of Paul, **marinating in their murderous desires**
 - Trying to figure out _____ “The Way” didn’t fade out of existence with Paul gone.

- God:
- Giving three high ranking Roman officials a chance to _____ and be _____. (Felix, Festus, and Agrippa)
 - Giving the _____ in Jerusalem a chance to repent and be saved.
 - Allowing **many people**, who would not otherwise be exposed to Paul and his preaching, to **hear the gospel**. (guards, servants, friends of friends,)
 - Preparing the timing and circumstances of Paul’s visit to Rome.

Application:

- God’s _____ to Paul (Acts 23:11), and God’s _____ faithfulness to Paul, gave Paul the strength, patience, and perseverance to carry on for two years in Roman custody with **NO** visible progress being made.
- What may have _____ like a bad thing (Paul’s incarceration) may have been **the very thing** that saved Paul’s life as the Jews pursued his murder.
- As we _____ God’s promises, and _____ on His faithfulness, we too can live through difficult times, _____ that God is at work in our lives – for **our good and His glory**.