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HOW A GENERATION CHANGED THE WORLD

**Trials, Trials
and More Trials**
Commissioned | Part 21

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Paul's Trials

Acts 23-26

Sanhedrin

Acts 23

Governor Felix

Acts 24

Governor Festus

Acts 25

King Agrippa

Acts 26



Acts 23-26

Paul's Four Charges:

1. His _____

2. His _____

3. His _____

4. His _____

1. Trials remind you that you're never _____.

Acts 23:11; Matthew 9:2, 14:27; John 16:33

The right _____ at the right _____ is the essence of encouragement.

2. Trials can never derail God's _____.

You may reach the _____, but God never does.

3. Trials reveal what _____ most to you.

He was a Roman citizen.

He was from Tarsus.

He was a Jew.

He was a Christian.

4. Trials give you a platform to share _____.

Acts 26:17b-18



Small Group Questions

1. What is your most memorable experience of personal injustice? What lessons did you learn from that experience? Were you ever able to see God use that experience for good?
2. Read Acts 24:1-9. What was at the center of the Jews' complaint against Paul? Were their complaints legitimate?
3. Read Acts 24:10-27. How did Paul respond to the complaints? Did he seem nervous? Confident? Unsettled? Why?
4. How did Paul's response line up with the accusations made about him? What's different about Paul's presentation and that of the Jews?
5. Why do you think the topics of righteousness, self-control, and judgment were frightening for Felix (v. 25)? Are these topics difficult or alarming for people today? Why or why not? Do you find it more or less terrifying to share your faith in stressful and difficult situations? Why?
6. Read Acts 26:1-11. Why do you think Paul emphasized his Jewish upbringing and earlier life practices with Agrippa? How did this help or hinder his defense?
7. How might Agrippa or the others in Paul's presence answer the question in verse 8—why is it so difficult to believe that God raises the dead? How would someone on your Oikos card answer this question?
8. Read Acts 26:12-23. In these verses, Luke gives his third account of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus in these verses. What is different about this account compared to the others (in Acts 9 and Acts 22)? How might these differences be significant to Paul's immediate audience?
9. What do you make of Paul's boldness toward Agrippa? What did Agrippa make of Paul's boldness? What does this experience teach us about fear and sharing the gospel? How is Paul's story in these verses a helpful model for you as you grow in your ability to share your story with your Oikos? describe his "former life" in verses 3-5 and 17-19?
10. What charges could the people who oppose God bring against you? How would you respond if you had to testify in court for your activities for God?

