

# The Book of Acts

## *LESSON TWENTY-SIX*

### *Acts 26:1-32*

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## LESSON TWENTY-SIX

### 1 Look in His Word

*Feel free to underline, circle or otherwise mark text if it will aid your study.*

*Acts 26:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense:

<sup>2</sup>“King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews,

<sup>3</sup>and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently.

<sup>4</sup>The Jews all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup>They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that according to the strictest sect of our religion, I lived as a Pharisee.

### 2 List the Facts

*What does the passage say? Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious, outstanding facts. Be literal as you answer.*

*Example:*

26:1 Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak.” So Paul began his defense.

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### 3

#### Learn from the Lessons

*What does the passage mean? What lessons can be learned from these facts? Be spiritual as you answer.*

*Example:*

26:1 Trials can be opportunities to present our personal testimony in defense of the Gospel.

### 4

#### Listen to His Voice

*What does this passage mean to you? Rewrite the lessons from step 3 in the form of a question. Be personal as you answer.*

*Example:*

26:1 Instead of complaining about the difficulty I am experiencing, why don't I use it as an opportunity to tell and show others what Jesus means to me?

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### 2 List the Facts

*Acts 26:6-11*

<sup>6</sup>“And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our fathers that I am on trial today.

<sup>7</sup>This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. O king, it is because of this hope that the Jews are accusing me.

<sup>8</sup>Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

<sup>9</sup>I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

<sup>10</sup>And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

<sup>11</sup>Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them.”

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*Acts 26:12-18*

<sup>12</sup>“On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests.

<sup>13</sup>About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions.

<sup>14</sup>We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

<sup>15</sup>Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

<sup>16</sup>‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you.

<sup>17</sup>I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them

<sup>18</sup>to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’”

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*Acts 26:19-24*

<sup>19</sup>“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

<sup>20</sup>First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.

<sup>21</sup>That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me.

<sup>22</sup>But I have had God’s help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen--

<sup>23</sup>that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

<sup>24</sup>At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.”

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*Acts 26:25-32*

<sup>25</sup>“I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable.

<sup>26</sup>The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner.

<sup>27</sup>King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”

<sup>28</sup>Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

<sup>29</sup>Paul replied, “Short time or long--I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”

<sup>30</sup>The king rose, and with him the governor and Bernice and those sitting with them.

<sup>31</sup>They left the room, and while talking with one another, they said, “This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment.”

<sup>32</sup>Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

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**3** Learn from the Lessons

**4** Listen to His Voice

**5** Live in Response

*How will you respond? Pinpoint what God is saying to you from this passage. Write down today's date and what you will do now about what He has said.*

# NOTES