



Read Acts 26

Devotional

After finally receiving an opportunity to plead his case before King Agrippa, Paul instead chooses to share the story of his miraculous conversion to Christ. Why would he do that?

Jesus is the hero of Paul's story. His life focuses on the message of the cross, offensive to some and unbelievable to others. Through it all, Paul focuses on Jesus and the eternity Christ offers rather than the temporary consequences of this life. It is all about Jesus!

Paul's attitude and focus is most clearly revealed in Acts 26:29—"I pray that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains." Paul understands that light and momentary trials achieve an eternal glory far outweighing any hardship he faces. That's why, given this opportunity, he shared the gospel instead of begging for his life.

When given an opportunity, do you promote yourself or speak about Jesus? We are here to make Him known!

- 1) What does this passage teach us about God? How does it apply to you?
- 2) How do you react when people respond negatively to you? What can you learn from Paul's response to Festus and Agrippa?
- 3) Think back over your conversations and stories the past few weeks. Who is the focus of your attention and hero of your stories?

Based on today's reading, what is one thing God is saying to you?