

Divine Necessity

Acts 22:30-23:34

What things can seem to threaten God's _____ in our lives?
On a scale from "Without a _____" to "Beyond _____",
where would you put the work of God in your life?

Setting of this Story

Paul came to Jerusalem anticipating _____

Acts 20:22-23; 21:11

Paul was willing to _____ and _____ for Jesus

Acts 21:13

Acts 22:30-23:24

22:30-23:5: Paul's trial: the opening _____

1. Paul confronted _____ of the Jewish leaders
Paul was not claiming _____
Instead: What they hated was his unwavering commitment to
_____ the call of God on his life
2. Paul confronted _____ of the High Priest
Ananias was known for cruelty, greed, corruption
Tried to silence God's word through Paul
by violence

Paul continued to submit to God and His commands _____!

6-10: Paul's trial: _____ by Paul's claim of resurrection

Counsel: Sadducees + Pharisees (like Paul)

Paul: not just _____

Rather: Genuine path for sharing the _____

Resurrection of the dead is central to the _____

It was solid common ground with _____/Judaism

11: Jesus _____ with Paul to give Paul _____

Not: "Don't be afraid of _____"

Rather: "Don't be discouraged by _____"

Affirmation

His testimony in Jerusalem fit _____ intentions

"_____ necessity" to testify in Rome in the same way

"In the same way" = through many _____...

Arrest, shipwrecks, injustice, ...

12-15: Plot made to _____ Paul

Vow: kill Paul or _____ trying → more than 40 men!

Sin's strategy: give people a way to do what is _____
while claiming not to be _____

Paul's claim of hypocrisy was shown to be _____

Parallel to _____ trial and death

16-24: Plot _____

Retelling of details emphasizes the experience of _____ for Paul
_____: the plot of 40+ men and the most powerful leaders of the
Jews stopped by a _____

and _____

And this brought about God's _____ in Paul

The Big Idea:

**God _____ and provides for His people
in all the work _____ gives them to do
even through _____ and difficulties
and _____ people and institutions**

Each character in this story kept his _____, yet was used by

God to accomplish the work that _____ called Paul to do

Only by such controversy and arrest did Paul have the opportunity
to proclaim the Gospel to the _____ of the Gentiles

Application

Take _____!

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Are you carrying around the death of Jesus in His _____ on your life?

Divine Necessity: God's call on your life must happen! Acts 14:22

By the _____ of God: Jeremiah 32:17

So don't become discouraged or lose _____!

Pursue bold, humble, godly, skillful _____ to Christ

Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:20-26

Reflection

- Jesus said, "Seek first God's kingdom, and God's righteousness" (see Matthew 6:33). What does seeking His kingdom and righteousness before even the apparent necessities of life look like for you? Do you know God's call in your life for the sake of His Kingdom? Sometimes it is obedience in the seemingly ordinary, and sometimes it is obedience in the seemingly extraordinary. What is that for you? How did you come to understand it?
- If you know that call, are you discouraged in it? What helps you be aware of Jesus, standing with you and saying not to be discouraged?
- If you don't know that call, are you open to God's call in your life for the sake of His Kingdom? What steps might you take to better understand that call and to live out that call?
- Do you know someone who is discouraged in that call? How might you bring courage to that person?