

**1. Trial before Felix, governor of Judea**

- a) Acts 24:1–9, were any of these accusations against Paul true?
- b) Acts 24:10–19, what impresses you about Paul’s response?
- c) Acts 24:22–26, what do these verses reveal about governor Felix?
- d) What is the danger of waiting for a convenient time to make a commitment to Jesus?
- e) How long was Paul confined at Herod’s Praetorium in Caesarea? Acts 24:27
- f) How do you handle times when God seems slow to hear and answer your prayers?

**2. Appearance before governor Festus**

- a) Acts 25:1–5, what appeal did the Jewish leaders make to Festus, the newly appointed governor of Judea? Why?
- b) What was Festus’ conclusion after interviewing Paul? Acts 25:25–27
- c) Acts 25:6–12, after making his appeal before Festus, why did Paul appeal to Caesar?
- d) Was this appeal to Caesar directed by God or was Paul following his own plan at this point? Might he rather have said, “I appeal to God”? Acts 26:32
- e) What promise can we claim when we sense we might have made a poor decision? (see Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 12:9–10)

**3. Appearance before King Herod Agrippa II**

- a) Acts 25:13–22, great-grandson of Herod the Great
- b) Acts 25:23–27, the confession of Festus
- c) Acts 26:1–3, why did Paul begin his defense before King Agrippa with words of affirmation?
- d) Acts 26:4–23, why did Paul share his life story, including his conversion, before King Agrippa? What new information is added, not found in Acts 9?
- e) Why did Paul recount this additional revelation to King Agrippa? (see Acts 26:28)
- f) Share a time when you were studying the Bible with someone and they were almost persuaded to become a Christian. How did the story end?

**4. Staying calm under attack**

- a) What accusation did Festus make against Paul? Acts 26:24
- b) How had Jesus counseled His followers to respond in such situations? Matthew 5:11–12
- c) How did Paul respond to the comment of governor Festus? Acts 26:25
- d) Share a time when God enabled you to stay calm even when you were under attack as a Christian.

