

***“You Have a Testimony!”***

***“Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and  
hear what I say.”***

***Isaiah 28:23 NIV***

***Paul Explains His Life Before Christ*** <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.

***4**“The Jewish people 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. **5**They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee. **6**And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our ancestors that I am on trial today. **7**This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. King Agrippa, it is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me. **8**Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?*

***Acts: 26 1-11***



***9 "I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.***

## *Paul Explains His Conversion Experience (Acts 26:12-20)*

*<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, King Agrippa, 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.’*

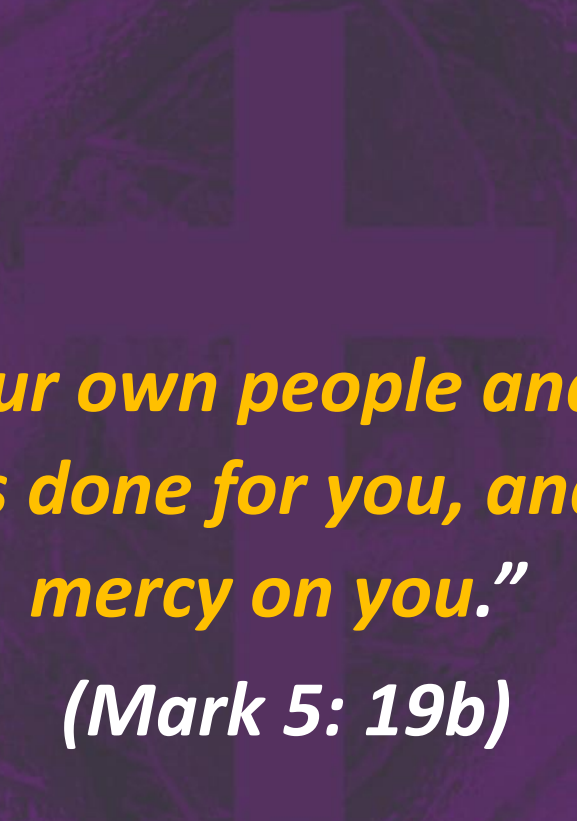
*<sup>15</sup> “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ “‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. <sup>16</sup> ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. <sup>17</sup> I will rescue you 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.’*

***19 “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.***



## *Paul Explains His New Life in Christ (Acts 26:21-23)*

***<sup>21</sup> That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. <sup>22</sup> But God has helped me to this very day; 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 Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”***



***“Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”***

***(Mark 5: 19b)***



**“Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins and surrender my life to you. Cleanse me. I believe you are the Son of God and that You died on the Cross and rose again on the third day so that I may have everlasting life. I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that you, Jesus, are my Lord and Savior and through you I receive eternal life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”**

***9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know.***

***10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.***

***Psalm 40: 9-10 (NIV)***