



*PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Acts Lesson 22 Lecture Notes
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“But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, “Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.” Acts 23:11

1. Courage and comfort came through confirmation.

Christ said Paul was _____ to Rome. His life could not be taken until the mission was complete. “No ambush can stand against the promise of Christ. Until he got to Rome, Paul was immortal.” - John Piper

➤ *Yet he would still suffer and be persecuted. But he could not be killed until he testified about Christ in Rome.*

❑ *How do we see God’s _____ and _____ in Acts 23?*

a. A boy _____ the plot.

b. The boy was the son of _____ sister.

c. The boy had the courage to go to the Roman centurion guarding Paul.

d. The centurion took him _____ and brought him to the tribune.

e. The tribune believed him and prepared “two soldiers, with seventy horseman and two hundred spearmen” to take Paul to safety.

2. Leaving matters with God.

• *Learn to delight in the fact you are not in _____ of the story.*

• *Paul is in custody. He might be thinking “what will happen to me?”*

• *Remember who numbers our days. Psalm 139:16 “And in Your book were all written the days that were _____ for me.”*

• *Job 14:5 says “Since his days are _____, the number of his months is with _____; and his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.”*

3. Christ’s presence sustains.

▪ *The Lord reassures Paul of divine support and encourages him to remain steadfast in his mission.*

▪ *2 Timothy 4:17–18 “**But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me**, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom;”*

▪ *Psalm 138:3 “On the day I called, You answered me; You made me _____ with _____ in my soul.”*

▪ *Look for God’s nearness in every crisis.*

4. Divine Transcendence and Immanence

_____ is the attribute of God that shows God is exalted far above the created universe. Forever God stands apart because God is greater than creation and he is independent of it.

“Theologians note that a being powerful enough to create from nothing (*ex nihilo*) must be distinct from that creation (_____) yet able to engage intimately within it (_____).”

God is not only transcendent and above all but also _____ and _____.

Immanence – God's involvement in creation.

Immanent meaning “remaining in creation”

The Bible is the story of God's involvement with his creation.

- ◆ He walks in the garden (Genesis 3:8)
- ◆ God commands the Israelites to build the tabernacle so that He may dwell among them (Exodus 25:8)
- ◆ Psalm 23 portrays God as a shepherd who cares for His flock.
- ◆ Immanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 8:8, Matthew 1:23)
- ◆ The Word became flesh and lived among humanity (John 1:14)
- ◆ The indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- ◆ God is accessible and responsive to His creation through prayer. (Philippians 4:6-7)

*This attribute highlights God's closeness and **accessibility** to His creation.*

God is with us in our sufferings 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

CONCLUSION

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

So we say with _____,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?” Hebrews 13:5

“and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20