

25. (Week of August 14, 2016)

**The Church's Witness to the World:  
Paul's Defense and Imprisonment in Caesarea**

**Acts 24–26**

**Memory Verse:** . . . *Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you* (1 Pet. 3:15b ESV).

**Sun:** Acts 24:1-9 - What specific charges were being brought against Paul?

**Mon:** Acts 24:10-23 - How does Paul answer the charges brought against him? How does he use this hearing as an opportunity for witness?

**Tue:** Acts 24:24-27 - What did Paul emphasize in his conversation with Felix? What was Felix's response?

**Wed:** Acts 25:1-12 - How does Paul take advantage of Roman law? How might we follow his example?

**Thu:** Acts 25:13-27 - Evaluate Festus' treatment of Paul.

**Fri:** Acts 26:1-18 - Outline the story of Paul's conversion. Tell the story of your own conversion.

**Sat:** Acts 26:19-32 - What was Agrippa's response to Paul's testimony?

26. (Week of August 21, 2016)

**The Church's Witness to the World:  
Paul's Voyage to Rome and Imprisonment**

**Acts 27–28**

**Memory Verse:** (Review) *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"* (Acts 1:8 ESV).

**Sun:** Acts 27:1-13 - What harbingers of future trouble attended this voyage from the outset? Have you ever experienced such "slow going" in your own life?

**Mon:** Acts 27:14-26 - Why did Paul react differently than the others in the furious storm? How do you respond to life's storms?

**Tue:** Acts 27:27-44 - What does this scene show us about the promises of God?

**Wed:** Acts 28:1-10 - Through a shipwreck came an opportunity to serve others. Have you had a similar experience?

**Thu:** Acts 28:11-16 - Compare Acts 19:21; 23:11; and 25:12. Why was Paul encouraged and thanking God?

**Fri:** Acts 28:17-28 - What was Paul's message to the Jews in Rome? With what results?

**Sat:** Acts 28:29-30 - Reread Acts 1:8. Review how this verse outlines the book of Acts. Why do you think the book of Acts has such an abrupt ending?