

**THE BOOK OF ACTS**  
DEVOTIONAL 

**WEEK SEVEN**

# DAY ONE

**SCRIPTURE**     Read Acts 25: 1-22

## QUESTIONS

1. The Jews have tried several times in Acts to kill Paul, why do you think they were so eager to get rid of him and stop the gospel he was preaching?
2. Knowing what happened to Jesus when the Jews brought baseless charges against Him, how do you think Paul would be feeling in these moments? What does his response in the courts tell us about His faith?
3. In what way is God asking you to be bold? What situations are you currently facing that have the potential for negative outcomes and you need to trust to God? Spend some time in prayer telling God what you are going through and being honest about how it makes you feel.

## PRAYER

Father, Thank you for the work you are doing in my life today. I am currently facing \_\_\_\_\_ and it is making me feel \_\_\_\_\_. I trust you in these situations, I trust that you are working all things together for my good. I pray for peace in my heart and a boldness in my faith, Father I pray that in every situation of life I would feel your presence. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Amen

# DAY TWO

**SCRIPTURE**     Read Acts 25: 23-27

## QUESTIONS

1. The search for charges against Paul continues in these verses, why do you think Paul was brought through multiple trials before being sent to Ceaser?
2. In these final Chapters Paul finds himself before many important people, what do you think is significant about the people he was given an opportunity to speak before?
3. Paul was brought before kings, governors and high priests, the elite of his time. The boldness of his faith allowed him to share the gosepl to everyone he encoutnered even when faced with those who could put him to death with one wrong word. His influence reached many different demographics of people, who is God calling you to influence today?

## PRAYER

Lord, Thank you for your goodness in this day. Thank you for bringing me this far and for the testimony of my life that I may tell people the good news of Jesus.

I pray today God you would highlight my area of influence, that you would strengthen me to share the gosepl with all I encounter from every area of my life. Lord I pray for an increase in influence that provides new opportunity to share the gospel and I ask for the boldness to do so.

Amen

# DAY THREE

**SCRIPTURE**     Read Acts 26: 1-32

## QUESTIONS

1. At Paul's trial before Agrippa why do you think he includes his testimony in his defence?
2. Paul says in his testimony ; "to this day I have had the help that comes from God", in what areas of your life has God moved recently?
3. What is your testimony? Spend some time journaling about the Journey God has brought you on and note any specific life moments that have had a significant impact on your relationship with God.

## PRAYER

Father, thank you for the power of my testimony, thank you that I have overcome and that you continue to work in my life. I pray that you would increase in me today God, that I would continue to grow as I am more than a conqueror, that as I move forward I would see your hand on my life and that you would give me boldness to share my testimony with everyone I encounter. I pray that I can do this in grace and power.

Amen

# DAY FOUR

**SCRIPTURE**     Read Acts 27: 1-12

## QUESTIONS

1. Paul is setting sail for Rome while still a prisoner. What do you think it was about Paul that made his jailors treat him kindly?
2. Paul wisely advise the soldiers not to take the voyage but was ignored. Paul operated with wisdom and discernment but this is not always accepted by those around him. Have you ever felt like you where not being listened to even when you felt the Lord was speaking to you? How did that make you feel?
3. Sometimes we can hear clearly from God about where we should go or what we should do and things don't always work out that way. This shouldn't discourage us and instead we should engage with God about the situation. Spend some time now asking God for clarity and direction and revisit what he shares with you in your next few prayer times.

## PRAYER

God, thank you that you are always speaking to me and always ready to engage with me wherever I am at in life. I pray today that you would give me clairty of heart and mind that I can hear and discern yoru voice clearly. Show me your ways and your plans as we walk this journey together and teach me to discern your presence in lifes dissappointments and success.

Amen

# DAY FIVE

**SCRIPTURE**     Read Acts 27: 13-44

## QUESTIONS

1. Because Paul's advice was not heeded, the ship he was sailing on headed into a storm. In this storm Paul finds himself vindicated and in a position of influence once again. He encourages the men with his faith in God. Think of a time when you were in a 'storm' that wasn't your fault, how did your faith affect your response?
2. Paul's faith throughout the book of Acts is nothing short of incredible, what do you think it is about his relationship with God that gives him this faith? What can you do today to cultivate a faith like Paul's?
3. The soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners including Paul but he was spared again by the Centurion, God had a clear plan for Paul to fulfill. How has God recently intervened in your life to keep you on track?

## PRAYER

Father, thank you for your faithfulness to me and your protection over my life. Thank you that every day you are moving in my life and producing fruit for your kingdom. I pray today Father that you would increase in me, you would grow boldness of faith in my life, that you would show me new ways to encounter you and grow in your presence. I pray Father that you would show me where you are moving in my life and that I may do only what my Father is doing.

Amen

# DAY SIX

**SCRIPTURE**     Read Acts 28: 1-10

## QUESTIONS

1. After the shipwreck Paul arrives on Malta. Why do you think God brought him to this island before heading to Rome?
2. Paul was bitten by a snake but unharmed by it, the result of this was that he was greatly honoured by the islanders of Malta. They thought he was a god which gave him an invite to share the gosepl! In what ways are you being invited to share the gospel in your life?
3. Miracles followed Pauls ministry. He preached the gospel with great grace but also with great power. While we should never chase miracles, in what way are you cultivaing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? How are you discerning what the Father is doing around you?

## PRAYER

Father I pray that you would give me eyes to see and ears to hear what you are doing in my life, I pray that you would give me discernment to see where you are moving. Father I lay my life down as a vessel for your gosepl and for the advancement of your kingdom.

I pray today that you would show me your heart for your people of all backgrounds, that you would break my heart for what breaks yours.

Amen

# DAY SEVEN

**SCRIPTURE**     Read Acts 28: 11-31

## QUESTIONS

1. Paul arrives in Rome and finds himself again preaching to the Jews and through the words of the prophet Isaiah telling them they can not perceive the gospel truth because their heart has grown dull. These were a people steeped in knowledge of their scripture. How can we prevent our hearts from growing dull that we may fully perceive the Gospel?
2. The legacy of Paul's life can be summarized in verse 30 and 31, he was a powerful man of God. It says in these verses he preached with all boldness, how can you grow in boldness of your faith?
3. Spend some time in prayer and ask God to show you firstly, how far he has taken you to date and secondly, how far he wants to take you. Ask God for a legacy statement for your life and ask him for the grace and the power to fulfill that.

## PRAYER

God, thank you for the journey you have brought me on to this point, I pray for your continued grace and peace over my life as I step into the more of you, the more you have for me. Father I pray today that you would focus my heart and my mind on the advancement of your kingdom, on the preaching of the gospel and the restoration of my community. Father move in my life like never before.

Amen



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