Lesson Eighteen: Prisoner in Caesarea

A plot	thwarted	(read verses	23:12-35)
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1)	Consider the lengths to which the Jewish fanatics were willing to go to silence Paul (23:12-15). What
	human and divine factors prevented them (23:16-30)?

Trial	be	fore	Felix	(read	verses	24:1-27)
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- 2) How did Paul refute each of Tertullus's charges against him?
 - a) making trouble, inciting dissension (24:11-13, 17-18)
 - b) leading a new and unlawful sect (24:14-16)
 - c) desecrating the temple (24:11-13, 17-21)
- 3) Why is it important that Paul claimed Christianity was not something new, but the true continuation of faith recorded in the Law and the Prophets?
- 4) How did his expectation of resurrection and possible judgement affect Paul (24:15-16)? How did this idea affect Felix (24:25)? Why do you think the prospect of judgement affected these men so differently?

Festus (read verses 25:1-12)

5) Lysias, Felix, and Festus all knew that Paul had broken no Roman laws. Why didn't they free him?

Agrippa (read verses 25:13 – 26:32)

- 6) What did Paul think was the issue for which he was being held prisoner (26:6-8)?
- 7) Summarize the gist of what Paul said to Agrippa (26:2-23).
- 8) Agrippa could do nothing to free Paul since he had appealed to Caesar. Why did Paul give this speech (see 26:29)?

✓	If you had a chance to proclaim your faith to a high official, what would you say. Would you say						
	anything about your past and how Christ changed you? If so, what? Pray and plan out a possible speech.						
	speech.						
✓	Meditate on 26:16-18 this week. What difference do these truths make to your life, your actions, and						
	your attitudes?						
✓	How does Paul set an example for you as a Christian in the defense of his faith? What one aspect of						
	Paul's example or another insight from this week's reading would you like to apply?						