

WE ARE ALL
WITNESSES
THE BOOK OF ACTS

A Prison, A Slap, and A Plot

Acts 22:30–23:30

ICE BREAKER:

Share a story of how you have seen God's providence in a crazy situation.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT IN CONTEXT:

As you read the text together, note the characters (people or groups of people). How do their actions show their motivations?

Paul cannot seem to 'catch a break,' and he is consistently being placed in difficult situations. How can we gain a deeper understanding of God's providence within each moment of this text?

CONNECTING TO JESUS AND HIS GOSPEL:

Describe Jesus' presence and His words in verse 11. Why were they so important to Paul?

Acting upright when things are unfair can be difficult. How did Jesus emulate this in 1 Peter 2:21-23? How did he set the example for us?

LIVING OUT THE TRUTH:

Jesus promises that He is with us always and in this passage He directly encourages Paul. How can we remind ourselves that Jesus is with us, encouraging us, even if we don't audibly hear it?

Find some verses in the Bible that show God's promise to always be with us. Pray together.

PARENTING MOMENT:

In addition to this text and to emphasize God's presence which gives us courage, take a moment to read Daniel 6 together as a family. Ask them what sticks out to them. Tell them that there will be moments in life where it does not seem fair but how we act and respond in that moment is so important. Encourage them not to compromise the convictions God gave us. It could lead us to places like the lion's den but at the end we will see God's provision through it all. Pray with your child(ren) that they would be a bold family that acts upright in the midst of situations being unfair.

FURTHER STUDY:

Read John Piper's article 'Nothing Stands Against Christ' at desiringgod.org. For an encouraging summer read: Joe Rigney's book: 'Courage: How the Gospel Creates Christian Fortitude.'