

Bible Readings Book by Book week 47 – w/c 25/9/22

Week 47

Monday: Acts 25:1-27. Paul was not willing to allow his freedom to share his faith to be stopped by unproven allegations. Instead, he used his legal right as a Roman citizen. But he was also trusting God's promise to him in Acts 23:11. Are we as willing to stand up for our legal rights to live out our faith in an increasingly hostile society?

Tuesday: Acts 26:1-32 Festus did not interrupt Paul because he thought he was mad, his interruption was evidence of conviction in his heart. Agrippa eluded Paul's question about the prophets by adopting a superior attitude and belittling Paul's witness. How would you describe Paul's attitude to Agrippa and Festus? What should characterise our attitude towards the lost, even those persecuting us?

Wednesday: Acts 27:1-44. Read v20 again: "When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days we finally gave up all hope of being saved." Someone wrote that "Without some signs in the heavens mankind cannot find their way to God and hope ebbs away. But the greatest sign from heaven is not the stars and the sun but the rising of the Son, who is able to quell every storm." Thank God for Easter Day!

Thursday: Acts 28:1-16 Paul, the great apostle, was always willing to serve others. There were many people available to gather firewood, yet Paul was willing to help in this also. He spent time on the island being used by God to heal people. God did the work, but Paul made himself available for the work. How can you show this kind of servant heart?

Friday: Acts 28:17-31. Although he was under house arrest, Paul used the freedom he had to live out his work and ministry. He didn't allow his circumstances to prevent him serving the Lord in whatever way he could. Is this true for you? Sometimes if we can't change our circumstances, we must change our attitude.

Weekend: Numbers 1:1-54 This was predominately a military census to see who could fight on Israel's behalf. The Israelites would receive the Promised Land by the hand of God but there would still be a battle. We may fail in spiritual battle because we do not take an honest inventory about where we are spiritually. Do you overestimate or underestimate your spiritual strength and resources?