



the upside down series
week twenty one: hope in the promise

1. We hope in the promise because of the _____ who _____ the promise.
2. We hope in the promise because of the _____.
3. We hope in the promise because _____.
4. We hope in the promise because of how we have _____.
5. We hope in the promise because we _____.
6. We hope in the promise because _____ anything.

We are so in the home stretch! Can you even believe it? I know I'm going to miss each of you so much. You have blessed me by listening to me and supporting me. You have also encouraged me by your obedience to the Word. I've just loved seeing God working in your life and making you more Christ like. I am continuing to pray for you even now!



day one: fruit of faithfulness

Paul has waited 2 years for some activity and the time has come. He's about to make a defense in front of Agrippa and he'll soon be headed to Rome.

Read Acts 26:1-11.

exploring the text

1. How did Paul feel about the opportunity to speak for himself in vs.2?
2. For what did the Jews want to kill Paul in vs.6-7?

3. What was the seemingly incredible thing about Paul's message in vs. 8?

4. Why does Paul say he is on trial in vs.6-8?

5. What main points about himself does Paul highlight to King Agrippa?

prayer

Praise God for the faithful witness of Paul and others.

Thank God specifically for the benefits you have experienced in your relationship with God because of your faithful brothers and sisters.

personal application

6. For the king to listen to Paul, Paul must have maintained an impeccable testimony during his 2 years in prison. In what ways does that rebuke or encourage you or prompt you to live for the Lord daily no matter what you're going thru.



day two: from darkness to light

We are in the middle of Paul's testimony to King Agrippa. Ask the Lord to teach you 1 new thing this morning as you spend some time in His word.

Now read Acts 26:12-18.

exploring the text

1. What answer would Paul give to critics who say that he had sunstroke on the road to Damascus?
2. What happened in addition to the vision in vs. 14?
3. Against whom is the sin of persecution registered?

interesting fact

The commissioning of Saul as Christ's apostle was deliberately shaped to resemble the call of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and others to be God's prophets. In both cases the language of "sending" is used. As God sent his prophets to announce his word to his people, so Christ sent apostles to preach and teach in his name, including Paul, who was not sent to the Gentiles.



day three: God is my helper

Praying you're having a great week in the Lord.

Today's reading is in Acts 26:19-23.

exploring the text

1. What was Paul's response to the heavenly vision?

2. What did he do immediately after meeting the Lord?

3. What was and remains Paul's message to all?

4. Why did the Jews want to kill Paul?

praise

Count your blessings name them one by one.
Count your blessings see what God has done.
Count your blessings name them one by one.
Count your many blessings see what God has done!



day four: almost persuaded

You're doing it! You are almost done with the study of Acts. I'm so proud of you. But don't stop now. We have a little bit to go.

Read Acts 26:24-31.

exploring the text

1. What does Festus accuse Paul of being?
2. Why do you think he would say that after spending 2 years listening to Paul and seeking out Paul's thoughts?

3. How does Paul respond?

prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to place in you a burning desire that your friends come to Christ.

4. What does Paul do in vs.27?

5. How does King Agrippa respond?

verse

Colossians
3:16-17

Let the word of God dwell in you richly teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

6. How much compassion does Paul have on Festus and Agrippa? Is that humanly possible?
7. What does the King as well as Bernice and the others conclude about Paul?
8. Do you think that Paul is disappointed in having to go to Caesar?

