



HOW GOD WORKS IN YOU

THE ENDURANCE OF THE SAINTS

ACTS 22:22-30

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1. Notice _____ (vv.22-24; 28-29)

2. Strategize _____ (vv.25-27)

3. Trust _____ (v.30)

Acts 22:22 Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." **23** And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, **24** the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this.

25 But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?" **26** When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen."

27 So the tribune came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes."

28 The tribune answered, "I bought this citizenship for a large sum." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth." **29** So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

30 But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Peter 5:8**; **Luke 22:31** and **Revelation 12:7-10**. What do passages like these do to your perspective about your life? Why do you think God chose to give us this kind of information about the unseen realities?
2. Read **John 17:9-17** and **2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**. What do these passages do to temper your emotions and attitudes when you consider the verses listed in the previous question?
3. Read **Ephesians 6:10-20**. How would you respond to someone who says, "If God is going to protect me and get me to the finish line, I can relax and coast to the end of this life"? What do we learn in this passage about God's means of getting us to fulfill our purpose in life?
4. Read **Psalms 17:6-9**. As you read in Ephesians 6:18, having a vibrant prayer life is essential. How would you rate your prayer life at this time in your Christian life? What strategies can you employ to improve it?
5. Read **Romans 8:28-32** and **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**. How do texts like these affect your mind and heart as you consider your daily battles to walk with Christ and do all that he has set before you to accomplish?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 22-11 – **Tenacious Endurance**
- Msg. 19-30 – **Unfazed by Sovereign Challenges**
- Msg. 15-58 – **Perseverance**
- Msg. 20-05 – **Expecting Opposition**
- Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**
- Msg. 07-24 – **Looking Past the Pain to the Prize**
- Msg. 05-37 – **A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Feb. 11 th	Lev.13 & Mt.26:20-54
Feb. 12 th	Lev.14 & Mt.26:55-75
Feb. 13 th	Lev.15-17 & Mt.27:1-31
Feb. 14 th	Lev.18-19 & Mt.27:32-66
Feb. 15 th	Lev.20-21 & Mt.28:1-20
Feb. 16 th	Lev.22-23 & Mk.1:1-22
Feb. 17 th	Lev.24-25 & Mk.1:23-45
Feb. 18 th	Lev.26-27 & Mk.2

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001
- Cochran, Gregory. **Christians in the Crosshairs: Persecution in the Bible and Around the World Today**. WBC, 2016.
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- Hiebert, Edmond. **Working with God Through Intercessory Prayer**. BJU Press, 1991.
- Nyquist, Paul. **Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture**. Moody Publishers, 2015.
- Piper, John and Justin Talyor, eds. **Stand: A Call for the Endurance of the Saints**. Crossway, 2008.
- Pritchard, Ray. **An Anchor for the Soul: Help for the Present, Hope for the Future**. Moody Press, 2000.
- Schreiner, Thomas and Bruce Ware. "A Case Study in the Warning Passages" in **Still Sovereign**. Baker, 2000.
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- Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.
- Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.