



HOW GOD WORKS IN YOU

THE PATH OF SANCTIFICATION

ACTS 23:1-5

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1. Fill _____ (v.5)

Acts 23:1 And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day." **2** And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. **3** Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" **4** Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" **5** And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'" (ESV)

2. Guard _____ (v.1)

3. Supervise _____ (vv.2-4)

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 2:2** and **Hebrews 5:13-14**. How would you describe your current hunger for the intake of God's word? What are some of the reasons Christians fail to desire the study of God's truth as they should?
2. Read **Romans 12:1-2**. Describe how you have seen this kind of willingness to do God's will work in concert with an active recalibrating of your mind by God's word, making God's work and direction in your life crystal clear.
3. Read **Romans 2:14-16** and **1 Corinthians 4:3-5**. How would you explain to a new Christian both the value and limitations of a clear conscience?
4. Read **Proverbs 9:7-9**. How do these proverbs relate to the passage we studied in Acts 23:1-5? How can they govern the way you engage the people in your life?
5. Read **James 1:19-20**. While indignation can be an appropriate motivation for some constructive actions (as we studied in "Msg. 23-35" listed below), how have you experienced the need for the application of James 1:19-20?

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

- Msg. 23-33 – **Soul Warfare**
- Msg. 23-35 – **Living in a World that Makes You Mad**
- Msg. 13-11 – **Our Enticements & Christ's Sinlessness**
- Msg. 13-12 – **Curbing Your Appetites**
- Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**
- Msg. 12-18 – **Guilt & Forgiveness**
- Msg. 11-31 – 11-35 – **The Black & White on Gray Areas** (a five-part series)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Feb. 18 th	Lev.26-27 & Mk.2
Feb. 19 th	Num.1-2 & Mk.3:1-21
Feb. 20 th	Num.3-4 & Mk.3:22-35
Feb. 21 st	Num.5-6 & Mk.4:1-20
Feb. 22 nd	Num.7 & Mk.4:21-41
Feb. 23 rd	Num.8-10 & Mk.5:1-20
Feb. 24 th	Num.11-13 & Mk.5:21-43
Feb. 25 th	Num.14-15 & Mk.6:1-32

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.

- Bunyan, John. **Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1986.
- Burroughs, Jeremiah. **Gospel Fear: Developing a Tender Heart that Trembles at the Word of God**. Soli Deo Gloria, 1997.
- Fabarez, Mike. **"Aggressive Sanctification"** (www.AgressiveSanctification.com)
- Hegg, David. **The Obedience Option: Because God Knows What's Good for Us**. Christian Focus.
- Kistler, Don. **Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Ministries, 1997.
- Love, Christopher. **The Mortified Christian**. Reprint. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998.
- Naselli, Andrew and J. D. Crowley. **Conscience: What It Is, How to Train It, & Loving Those Who Differ**. Crossway, 2016.
- Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.
- Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.
- Ryle, J. C. **Regeneration: What It Means and Why It's Necessary**. Christian Focus, 2003.
- Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.
- Stedman, Ray C. **Spiritual Warfare: Winning the Daily Battle with Satan**. Reprint. Discovery House, 1999.
- Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.