



# CHRISTIANS ON TRIAL

GRACE, PATIENCE, & PERSISTENCE  
ACTS 24:22-27

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1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.22-23)

2. Pray \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.24a, 26-27)

3. Resolve \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.24b-25)

**Acts 24:22** *But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case."*

**23** *Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs. **24** After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. **25** And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you."*

**26** *At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him.*

**27** *When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.*

(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 **Lamentations 3:19-26**. Amid some of the worst times for Israel in the Old Testament, Jeremiah pivoted in his thinking and gave attention to the mercies of the Lord. How have you found this habit to be helpful and why?
2. Read **Psalms 103:1-13**. What are some specific examples from your life that fit into the categories of blessings listed in this passage for which we are to thank God?
3. Read **Psalms 13**. What are some of the strategies you might devise to more consistently live with the mindset of vv.5-6 when you are feeling the impatience of vv.1-2?
4. Read **Romans 12:1-2**. How do you imagine the directives in these verses were a motivation and safeguard for Paul to remain faithful to the message of the gospel when he reasoned with Felix and Drusilla in Acts 24?
5. Read **Galatians 6:9-10**. What are some of the reasons you feel like giving up, and how does this passage motivate you that persistence and faithfulness to the truth are always worth it?

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

- Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Ego-centric**
- Msg. 17-20 – **Loving God's Gracious Patience**
- Msg. 10-17 – **Discovering the Patience of Christian Hope**
- Msg. 20-30 – **Patience**
- Msg. 22-07 – **Undeterred**
- Msg. 13-18 – **Jesus as Judge**
- Msg. 19-30 – **Unfazed by Sovereign Challenges**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

April 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	2Sam.19-20 & Lk.21:20-38
April 29 <sup>th</sup> .....	2Sam.21-22 & Lk.22:1-30
April 30 <sup>th</sup> .....	2Sam.23-24 & Lk.22:31-53
May 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	1Kgs.1-2 & Lk.22:54-71
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	1Kgs.3-5 & Lk.23:1-26
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> .....	1Kgs.6-7 & Lk.23:27-38
May 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	1Kgs.8-9 & Lk.23:39-56
May 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	1Kgs.10-11 & Lk.24:1-35

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.

- Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1653 (reprint, 1998).
- Stanley, Lynn. **The Fruit of the Spirit Is Patience**. Focus Publishing, 1999.
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- Packer, J. I. **Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God**. InterVarsity Press, 1991.
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- Mohler, Albert. **The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture, and the Church**. Nelson Books, 2020.
- Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.
- Schreiner, Thomas. **Run to Win the Prize: Perseverance in the New Testament**. Crossway, 2010.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.
- Piper, John. **The Roots of Endurance: Perseverance in the Lives of Newton, Simeon & Wilberforce**. Crossway, 2006.
- Clotfelter, David. **Sinners in the Hands of a Good God: Reconciling Divine Judgment & Mercy**. Moody Press, 2004.
- Morgan, Christopher W. **Hell Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents Eternal Punishment**. Zondervan, 2004.
- Peterson, Robert. **Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment**. P & R Publishing, 1995.