

## Who is In-Charge Here?

May 7, 2023 Acts 23:11 - 24:27 Pastor Todd McAllister

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Acts 24:15

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Communication by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Matthew 10:16-20

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