

**"Paul preaches the gospel in prison."  
Acts 24: 1-27, 26: 24-29**

■ Be familiar with the text

Paul gathered the offerings and arrived in Jerusalem in order to help the Christians (chapter 21), and was accused of desecrating the temple and was arrested (chapter 22), and he was judged before the governor of Felix in Caesarea (23). The chief priests of Judaea accused Paul in the presence of the governor, but after hearing Paul's argument, he regarded the evidence as inadequate and delayed his decision (v.24), two years later, Fesdo was appointed as the new governor of Judah. Paul's trial is resumed again, and Festus tries to hand Paul over to courts of Jerusalem (Sanhedrin) per appeal from the Jews, but Paul appeals to the Roman Emperor (Caesar) under the authority of his Roman citizens.25 chapter). Fresco asks Agrippa II, the King of Agrippa II, to come to his office and invite him to write a comment on Paul. Agrippa calls on Paul to tell the full story, and Paul uses this opportunity to preach the gospel to the king (chapter 26).

■ Understanding the text

1. What is the name of the high priest and lawyer who accused Paul in front of governor of Felix? (24: 1)
2. What kind of person did they accuse Paul of? <3 things> (24: 5)

**Paul's defense against the accusations**

1. I serve God, and I believe in the law and the words of the prophets. (24:14)
2. I believe in the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. (24:15)
3. I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man (24:16)

3. What are the three things that Paul discussed with Felix in a separate meeting? (24:25)
4. Let's summarize in your own words what kind of person Felix I was 24: 25-27.
5. How did succeeding Governor Festus respond to Paul's defense? (26:24).
6. The Agrippa king in the text is the fourth king of the family of Herod. \* Let's look at the attached sheet and review the Herodian kingdom in the Bible.

7. Let's fill in the parentheses.

Agrippa said to Paul, "You are encouraging me with ( ) that they may become ( ). (26:28)

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1 Felix was a slave living in house belonging to Antonia, mother of emperor Claudius. He eventually obtained his freedom. Afterwards, through his innate talents, he rose in power. Felix married three times, marrying the granddaughter of Cleopatra, the daughter of Herod Agrippa I, and finally getting to the position of the governor of Judea. (F. F Bruce, Paul)

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## ■ Sharing problem

1. Paul said that in his defense he always strives to be clear from conscience before God and man (24:16). Can you confess the same before God (church), your family (spouse), and your colleagues at work? Let 's reflect on your life and discuss honesty.
  
2. Felix encountered a strong challenge in gospel, but he hesitates and avoids the opportunity (24:25). Let's share any similar experiences. Let's also reflect if such attitude is related to love of money (24:26) or fear of certain people (24:27)
  
3. Agrippa says that Paul wants to make him into a Christian with a few words (in short time) (26:29). If you have an opportunity to preach the gospel in a short period of time, are you ready? Let's share your experience.

### Applying the Word to life...

The gospel can create disturbance even in the hearts of governor or a king who has everything. Power of gospel lies not in how much of how little the words are spoken but in the Word itself. Farmer scatters many seeds in large areas, and is expecting fruits because he has scattered good seeds. We pray that you become people who spread the seeds widely whether or not you can harvest the fruits.

### Notice

1. The theme of the church in 2017 is 'One Heart New Man'
2. Please use the following order when guiding your SG study.  
2 ~ 3 songs praise / representative prayer / Bible Study
3. SG praise and memory verses were done well. Thank you for all your participation.
4. June SG Leader Training  
Date: June 25 (Sunday), 3:15 pm / Place: Gymnasium
5. Family SG Training  
Date and Time: Saturday, June 3, 9:00 am / Venue: 2nd floor
6. Please be sure to submit the SG report online after the SG gathering.
7. The training materials for the second meeting are placed in the lobby second week of the every month.
8. Please continue praying for the senior reverend and the education building.