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Acts 26:1-11

- Paul was glad to speak to Agrippa
- Agrippa gives Paul the floor to speak
- This was because as he stated later, he knew that he believed in the Old Testament prophets – Acts 26:27
- Agrippa also knows some of the specifics of the **law** – Acts 26:3
- Paul starts by sharing his past, having witnesses of who he was growing up
- The Jews can testify that he grew up following Jewish customs
- They can also testify that he was a part of a strict Jewish sect in which he was a Pharisee in – Acts 26:5
- Paul then shared about what he had done as a pharisee
- Paul was opposing Jesus and anyone who sided with him – Acts 26:9
- Paul didn't just oppose Jesus but also his saints, killing them or putting them in jail
- Paul shares that he did this while **traveling** around – Acts 26:11
- Paul was persecuting what he thought was right – Acts 9

Acts 26:12-21

- Paul's conversion was an amazing testimony
- A testimony of how God revealed himself to Paul
- This was on the road to Damascus
- This was when he saw the bright light
- This was a blinding light that was brighter than the **sun** – Acts 26:13
- Paul's knees buckled and heard a voice in Hebrew
- Why are you persecuting me is the key convicting words
- The Greek word kentron, pricks is also used in 1 Corinthians 15:55
- Enkentrizo – grafted in – Romans 11:17-24
- Paul then made it clear that God had sent him with a **purpose** to go and tell people

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- Paul's mission as to turn their eyes from darkness to the light
- Paul was also to go unto the Gentiles
- Paul then became what we would know today as a traveling evangelist
- Paul then shifted and shared why he was **arrested**
- Paul was arrested because the Jews didn't like that Paul told them to repent
- These people were not just upset but wanted to kill Paul

Acts 26:22-32

- Paul didn't want to get rid of the Old Testament – Matthew 5:17
- Paul's main goal is to preach Christ crucified to the Gentiles
- This was something that **offended** Festus
- Festus thought that Paul as crazy and out of his mind
- Paul was crazy, he had a crazy **love** for God
- This was made clear in his continued faithfulness
- None of the Bible has been done in isolation but publicly so that all may know what has come to pass – Acts 26:26
- Paul then changes and talks to King Agrippa and shares how he knows he believes in the prophets of the Old Testament
- Agrippa, doesn't buy what Paul is saying and in summary says do you think that with a couple short words, you could convince me to be a Christian?
- Paul's evangelism doesn't stop, he tries wherever he goes to witness to whoever he can – 1 Corinthians 9:22
- At the end of the conversation they realize that Paul is innocent – Acts 26:31
- Paul would be set free if he didn't appeal unto Caesar – Acts 26:32
- What Agrippa and Festus and everyone listening doesn't realize is that Paul wasn't on **trial**, they were
- They all heard the gospel and their sentence is coming