

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



## COURAGE UNDER FIRE ACTS 22:30-23:22

*"...when you see beyond the immediate circumstances you can retain courage under fire and push on..."*

### 1

#### REVIEW THE SERMON

How do we see Paul maintaining his courage in the face of brutal and fierce opposition to the Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do we see the hatefulness of unregenerate man to the things of God in this passage? And how does Paul expose their "appearance of unity" for evil it truly was (23:6-10)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do we learn from those who conspired to kill Paul at all costs? How is the result of this story a testament to the Sovereignty of God in Paul's life (16-22)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2

#### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

On a scale of 1-10 for courage with 1 being courageous and 10 a lack of courage, where would you rank yourself? Be specific and truthful. Are you more likely to step up to a challenge, or to fold and give up when you are overwhelmed, and courage starts to fade? If you can, share examples from your own life \_\_\_\_\_

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In the world today, we are inundated with information. How do you sift through it all to get to the truth? How likely are you to engage in "fanciful speculation" or unproven conspiracies that are out of your control or influence? Do you find yourself in an echo chamber when it comes to this, or are you leveraging your small group to disciple you in this area? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where do you generally turn to when you feel the weight of your circumstances around you? Do you internalize it? How to you process hardship in your life? Give an example. \_\_\_\_\_

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# 3

## APPLY THE TRUTH

Why is it unwise to base our decisions on hunches? How should we as believers in God’s sovereignty work through all the narratives that seek to divide the Christian church? Once we come to realize that those who are evil are not as united as we may have once thought, how can we use this knowledge against them in our present day, as Paul so clearly does in verses 6 –10? \_\_\_\_\_

How must we reconcile God's timing into all aspects of our ministry, knowing that as with Paul, He may not take us out of trial or difficulty, but may even thrust us further in to amplify His message? James ch.1 might help here. \_\_\_\_\_

If we understand that courage is not found in ourselves but rather in trusting in God for all things. How can we aim at living faithfully to God even when we may not feel equipped to battle? What has worked or not worked when dealing with information that is unfounded? How should we be approaching this as believers? \_\_\_\_\_

# 4

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you prepare this week to guard against conspiracies and instead make a defense of your faith, and boldly deliver it to those to whom you are called to minister? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

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