

Addressing Our Stressing – Part 4 - Stressing Over the Big Things of Life - Acts 21:37-23:35

Opening Words:

What are my _____ as I live out my life under stress
– Acts 21:37-22:29?

1. I am _____ I am for the kingdom of God – Acts 21:37-40
 - This should produce in me a calm – Acts 21:37
 - This should remind me of my commission – Acts 21:39
 - This should help me to be courageous – Acts 21:40
2. I am _____ I am for the kingdom of God – Acts 22:1-21
 - This includes our history before meeting Jesus Christ – Acts 22:3-4
 - This includes our testimony of meeting Jesus Christ – Acts 22:8-10
 - This includes our ministry after meeting Jesus Christ – Acts 22:15-16
3. I am _____ I am for the kingdom of God – Acts 22:22-29
 - What we are can give us special opportunities – Acts 22:11-12
 - What we are can avail us certain privileges – Acts 22:25-26

What are my _____ as I live out my life under stress – Acts 22:30 – 23:10?

1. I am often in a place that is self-inflicted – Acts 22:30a - *But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews....*
2. I am often in a place of isolation – Acts 22:30b - *...He unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.*
3. I am often in a place where I lose my self-restraint – Acts 23:3&5 - *Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”⁵ And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’ ”*

4. I am often in a place where I revert to self-dependence – Acts 23:6 - *Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.”*

5. I am often in a place where thing go from bad to worse – Acts 23:10 - *And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.*

What are my _____ as I live out my life under stress
– Acts 23:12 - 23:35?

1. I can count on God _____ for His children – Acts 23:12-24
 - a. Plot - Acts 23:13–14 - *There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul.*
 - b. Providence – Acts 23:16–17 - *Now the son of Paul’s sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. ¹⁷ Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him.”*
 - c. Protection - Acts 23:23-24 - *Then he called two of the centurions and said, “Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. ²⁴ Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor.”*
2. I can count on God _____ His servants
 - a. Examination - Acts 23:28 - *And desiring to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their council.*
 - b. Exoneration - Acts 23:29 - *I found that he was being accused about questions of their law, but charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment.*

3. I can count on God _____ His purposes
Acts 23:34–35 - On reading the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he learned that he was from Cilicia, ³⁵ he said, “I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive.” And he commanded him to be guarded in Herod’s praetorium.

What are my _____ as I live out my life under stress
– *Acts 23:11*?

1. The _____ of Jesus Christ in my stressful situation
Acts 23:11 a - The following night the Lord stood by him

2. The _____ of Jesus Christ for my stressful situation
Acts 23:11b - And said, “Take courage”

3. The _____ of Jesus Christ through my stressful situation *Acts 23:11c* – “For as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

Today’s Takeaways

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