

Living Out God's Blueprint **TODAY**

Journeying through the
Book of Acts VI
Acts 20¹ – 25²²

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How much of what you have read, heard, and prayed about, in the last month, have you done?

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

[James 1:22-24, NLT]

Introduction to the 6th volume

The Book of Acts, a fast-moving historical account of the founding and growth of the early church, can best be split into two parts: the first part dealing with the home church and its mission and the last concentrating on foreign missions.

It starts off where the Gospel of Luke left off—Jesus is back in Jerusalem. The resurrected Jesus hangs out, before His ascension, with His apostles for forty days during which He promised:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **Acts 1:8 (ESV)**

The promise to receive power is fulfilled and now a reality and Jesus’ command to take His gospel to all the world is as valid today as it was then.

The book may accurately be described as the Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Disciples as it recounts how the Gospel reached what are Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus, Turkey, Greece, and Malta today.

Highlights include:

- the first Christian martyr Stephen
- Peter's prison break
- the demolition of the barrier between Jewish and Gentile Christians
- the conversion of Saul, a leading persecutor of Christians, into Paul on the road to Damascus, and his subsequent missionary journeys.

Hear & Do - Key elements

Every Christian can hear God's voice.

John 10:27 *"My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me...."*

Every Christian is to hear and obey.

Matthew 7: 24 *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

What is God saying?

What am I going to do about it?

God speaks in many ways:

- Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Audibly: Acts 8:26, 9:15, Jeremiah 1:7 for example.
- Events/Circumstances: Mark 1:15- Kairos moments when you know God is near/speaking.
- Through the Holy Spirit: John 14:26.
- Through other believers: 1 Corinthians 14:3.
- Through many other ways including creation, preaching, silence.

How can I hear God's voice?

Always start with Scripture. (see SOAP help sheet for more tips)

- S**cripture - Read the text
- O**bservation - What does the passage tell us about God, His people, and/or life?
- What are the promises, principles, commands or warnings?
- A**pplication - What is God saying TO ME and what AM I going to do about?
- Who can I share with what I have learnt before next week?
- P**rayer - Prayer is a two-way conversation with God, listening and doing.
- Thanksgiving is key aspect of prayer

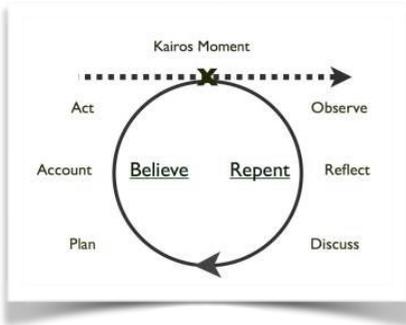
Explore a variety of ways, e.g. go for a walk together and spend time listening for God to speak through creation or create an environment of worship, thanking God that he speaks and asking him if there are any Scriptures/pictures/words he wants to share with those present.

- Spend time with others e.g. Listening together on a Sunday morning
- Join the next Prophecy Course

A Helpful tool... The Kairos Circle

The first part of the circle helps us ask What is God saying? and the second half helps us plan to do something about it

Using the circle...



- Spend time asking God what kairos moment he is speaking about: a Bible verse, an event, a conversation etc.
- Observe what God could be saying and reflect what that means to you.
- Discuss it with others and begin to move into a plan of how to apply this to your life.
- Share what God is saying with others and asking them to help you and remind you/hold you to account to do this will

produce much fruit.

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Living the Truth - Key elements

This tool accompanies the **Hear & Do** tool. Often the biggest blockage to us responding fully to what God is saying is an incorrect belief about God or ourselves. The following two questions - a derivative of the discipling questions *What is God saying & What am I going to do about it?* - help with unlocking the lies and replacing them with truth.

When God gets our attention (a kairos moment) it's the truth we need to hear.

John 8:32 *"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Colossians 2:8 *"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."*

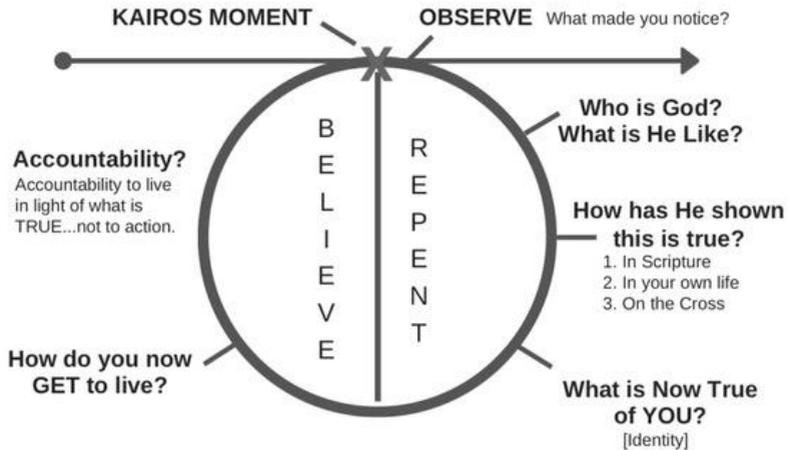
A lie is an enemy stronghold in our lives.

2 Corinthians 10:4 *"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."*

What lie am I believing?

What is God's truth about me or this situation?

The Circle



Kairos Circle - lies, truth & identity

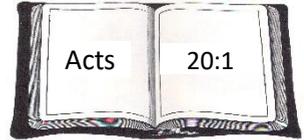
Starting with God and his truth helps us to live in the truth rather than on the emotion of the moment.

- From the truth about God we move to ourselves and understand the truth about ourselves (our true identity) in the light of who God is and who he says we are.
- From this we move to ask the great question, *how do we now get to live?* It's a joy, not a burden. It's a freedom. Something we *get* to do rather than something we *ought* to do.
- Accountability now emphasises the need to live in the truth rather than simply to be accountable for a certain action.

Monday 31st August – Just before Paul leaves Ephesus

Acts 20:1 (NLT)

¹When the uproar was over, Paul sent for the believers and encouraged them. Then he said good-bye and left for Macedonia.



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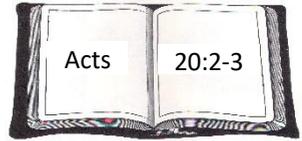
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Tuesday 1st September – The team remains in Antioch

Acts 20:2-3 (NLT)

² While there, he encouraged the believers in all the towns he passed through. Then he travelled down to Greece, ³ where he stayed for three months. He was preparing to sail back to Syria when he discovered a plot by some Jews against his life, so he decided to return through Macedonia.



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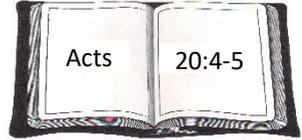
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Wednesday 2nd September – Paul’s Travelling Team

Acts 20:4-5 (NLT)

⁴ Several men were traveling with him. They were Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica; Gaius from Derbe; Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. ⁵ They went on ahead and waited for us at Troas.



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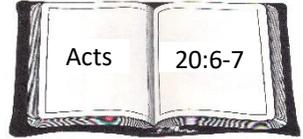
ii) What are you going to do about it?

Thursday 3rd September – Paul talks till midnight

Acts 20:6-7 (NLT)

⁶After the Passover ended, we boarded a ship at Philippi in Macedonia and five days later joined them in Troas, where we stayed a week.

⁷On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper. Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight.



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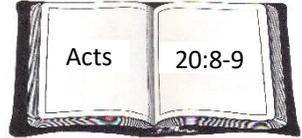
ii) What are you going to do about it?

Friday 4th September – Eutychus falls to his death

Acts 20:8-9 (NLT)

⁸ The upstairs room where we met was lighted with many flickering lamps.

⁹ As Paul spoke on and on, a young man named Eutychus, sitting on the windowsill, became very drowsy. Finally, he fell sound asleep and dropped three stories to his death below.



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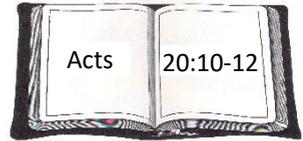
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Saturday 5th September - Eutychus is brought back to life

Acts 20:10-12 (NLT)

¹⁰ Paul went down, bent over him, and took him into his arms. “Don’t worry,” he said, “he’s alive!”



¹¹ Then they all went back upstairs, shared in the Lord’s Supper, and ate together. Paul continued talking to them until dawn, and then he left. ¹² Meanwhile, the young man was taken home unhurt, and everyone was greatly relieved.

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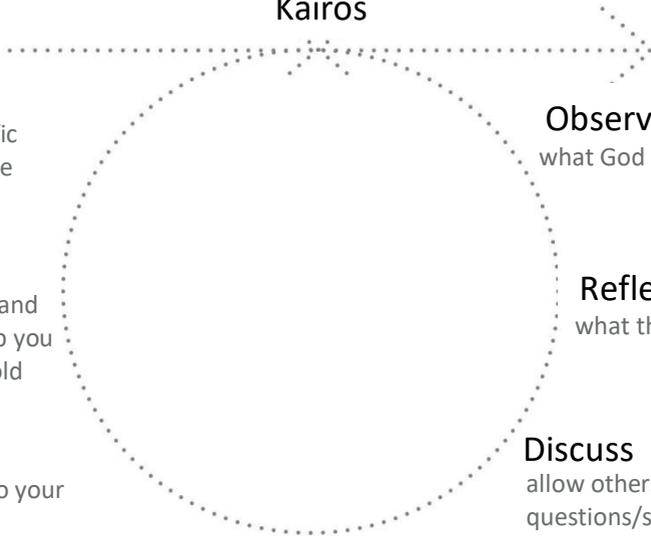
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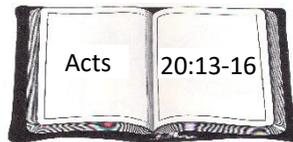
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Monday 7th September – Paul's travels

Acts 20:13-16 (NLT)

¹³ Paul went by land to Assos, where he had arranged for us to join him, while we travelled by ship. ¹⁴ He joined us there, and we sailed together to Mitylene.

¹⁵ The next day we sailed past the island of Kios. The following day we crossed to the island of Samos, and a day later we arrived at Miletus. ¹⁶ Paul had decided to sail on past Ephesus, for he didn't want to spend any more time in the province of Asia. He was hurrying to get to Jerusalem, if possible, in time for the Festival of Pentecost.



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Tuesday 8th September – One message

Acts 20:17-21 (NLT)

¹⁷ But when we landed at Miletus, he sent a message to the elders of the church at Ephesus, asking them to come and meet him. ¹⁸ When they arrived he declared, “You know that from the day I set foot in the province of Asia until now ¹⁹ I have done the Lord’s work humbly and with many tears. I have endured the trials that came to me from the plots of the Jews. ²⁰ I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes. ²¹ I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.



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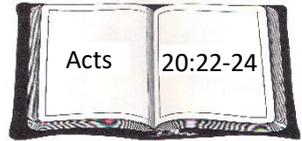
ii) What are you going to do about it?

Wednesday 9th September – Divine Assignment Comes First

Acts 20:22-24 (NLT)

²² “And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don’t know what awaits me, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead.

²⁴ But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.



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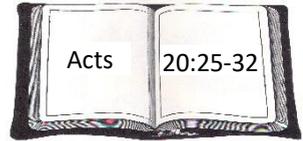
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Thursday 10th September – Be Watchful

Acts 20:25-32 (NLT)

²⁵“And now I know that none of you to whom I have preached the Kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it’s not my fault, ²⁷ for I didn’t shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know. ²⁸ “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders.



²⁹ I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following.

³¹ Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you.

³² “And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself.

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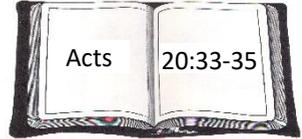
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Friday 11th September – Selfless Living

Acts 20:33-35 (NLT)

³³ “I have never coveted anyone’s silver or gold or fine clothes. ³⁴ You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me.

³⁵ And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”



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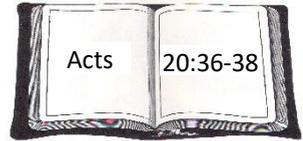
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Saturday 12th September – Paul Bids Farewell

Acts 20:36-38 (NLT)

³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt and prayed with them. ³⁷ They all cried as they embraced and kissed him good-bye.

³⁸ They were sad most of all because he had said that they would never see him again. Then they escorted him down to the ship.



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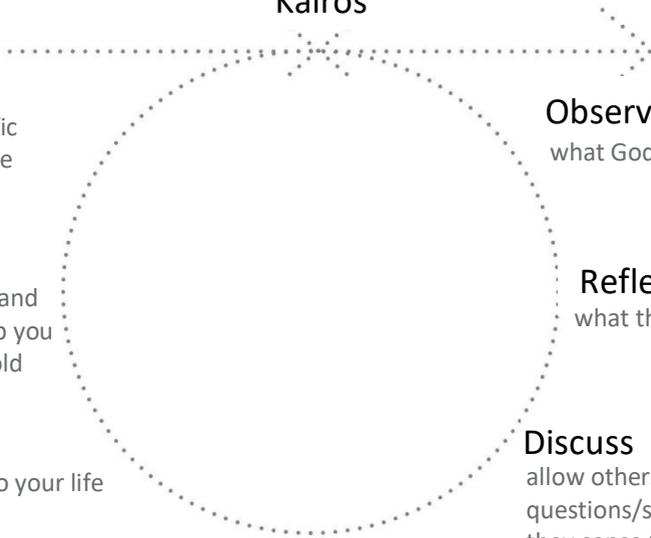
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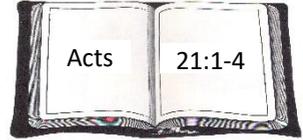
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Monday 14th September – Stopover in Tyre

Acts 21:1-4 (NLT)

¹ After saying farewell to the Ephesian elders, we sailed straight to the island of Cos. The next day we reached Rhodes and then went to Patara. ² There we boarded a ship sailing for Phoenicia.



³ We sighted the island of Cyprus, passed it on our left, and landed at the harbour of Tyre, in Syria, where the ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴ We went ashore, found the local believers, and stayed with them a week. These believers prophesied through the Holy Spirit that Paul should not go on to Jerusalem.

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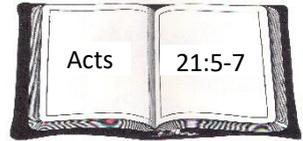
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Tuesday 15th September – Paul urged not to go to Jerusalem

Acts 21:5-7 (NLT)

⁵When we returned to the ship at the end of the week, the entire congregation, including wives and children, left the city and came down to the shore with us. There we knelt, prayed, ⁶and said our farewells. Then we went aboard, and they returned home. ⁷The next stop after leaving Tyre was Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and sisters and stayed for one day.



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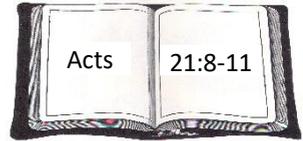
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Wednesday 16th September – Prophecy for Paul

Acts 21:8-11 (NLT)



⁸ The next day we went on to Caesarea and stayed at the home of Philip the Evangelist, one of the seven men who had been chosen to distribute food.

⁹ He had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy.

¹⁰ Several days later a man named Agabus, who also had the gift of prophecy, arrived from Judea.

¹¹ He came over, took Paul's belt, and bound his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, "The Holy Spirit declares, 'So shall the owner of this belt be bound by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and turned over to the Gentiles.'"

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Thursday 17th September - "The Lord's will be done"

Acts 21:12-15 (NLT)

¹² When we heard this, we and the local believers all begged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.



¹³ But he said, "Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus."

¹⁴ When it was clear that we couldn't persuade him, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

¹⁵ After this we packed our things and left for Jerusalem.

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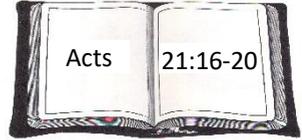
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Friday 18th September – Paul arrives Jerusalem

Acts 21:16-20 (NLT)



¹⁶ Some believers from Caesarea accompanied us, and they took us to the home of Mnason, a man originally from Cyprus and one of the early believers. ¹⁷ When we arrived, the brothers and sisters in Jerusalem welcomed us warmly.

¹⁸ The next day Paul went with us to meet with James, and all the elders of the Jerusalem church were present.

¹⁹ After greeting them, Paul gave a detailed account of the things God had accomplished among the Gentiles through his ministry.

²⁰ After hearing this, they praised God. And then they said, “You know, dear brother, how many thousands of Jews have also believed, and they all follow the law of Moses very seriously.

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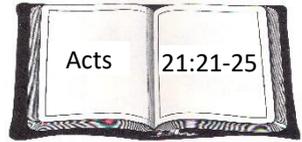
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Saturday 19th September – Paul convinced to keep the Jewish purification rite

Acts 21:21-25 (NLT)

²¹ But the Jewish believers here in Jerusalem have been told that you are teaching all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn their backs on the laws of Moses. They've heard that you teach them not to circumcise their children or follow other Jewish customs. ²² What should we do? They will certainly hear that you have come.



²³ “Here’s what we want you to do. We have four men here who have completed their vow. ²⁴ Go with them to the Temple and join them in the purification ceremony, paying for them to have their heads ritually shaved. Then everyone will know that the rumours are all false and that you yourself observe the Jewish laws.

²⁵ “As for the Gentile believers, they should do what we already told them in a letter: They should abstain from eating food offered to idols, from consuming blood or the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality.”

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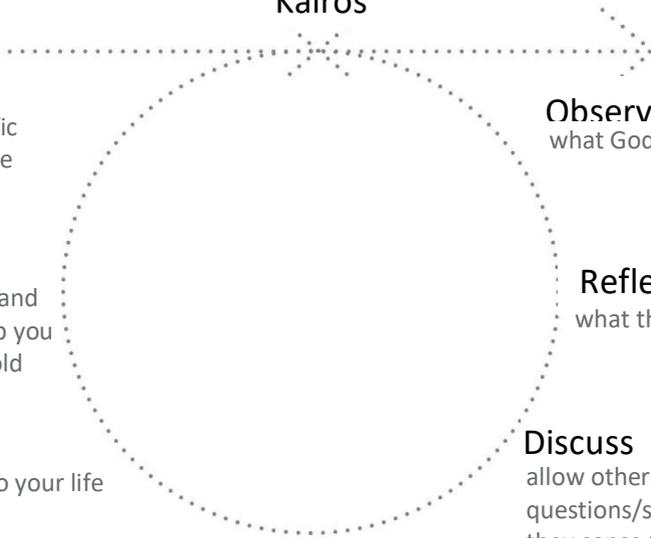
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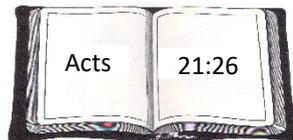
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Monday 21st September – Paul’s purification ritual

Acts 21:26 (NLT)

²⁶ So Paul went to the Temple the next day with the other men. They had already started the purification ritual, so he publicly announced the date when their vows would end and sacrifices would be offered for each of them.



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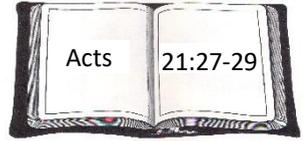
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Tuesday 22nd September – Paul is ambushed!

Acts 21:27-29 (NLT)

²⁷ The seven days were almost ended when some Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul in the Temple and roused a mob against him. They grabbed him, ²⁸ yelling, “Men of Israel, help us! This is the man who preaches against our people everywhere and tells everybody to disobey the Jewish laws. He speaks against the Temple—and even defiles this holy place by bringing in Gentiles.”



²⁹ (For earlier that day they had seen him in the city with Trophimus, a Gentile from Ephesus, and they assumed Paul had taken him into the Temple.)

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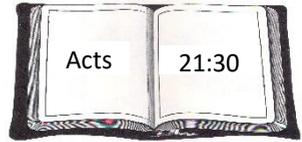
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Wednesday 23rd September – Paul is dragged out of the Temple

Acts 21:30 (NLT)

³⁰ The whole city was rocked by these accusations, and a great riot followed. Paul was grabbed and dragged out of the Temple, and immediately the gates were closed behind him.



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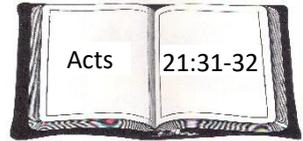
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Thursday 24th September – The mob stops beating Paul

Acts 21:31-32 (NLT)

³¹ As they were trying to kill him, word reached the commander of the Roman regiment that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.



³² He immediately called out his soldiers and officers and ran down among the crowd. When the mob saw the commander and the troops coming, they stopped beating Paul.

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Friday 25th September – Paul is arrested and bound (Again!)

Acts 21:33-34 (NLT)

³³ Then the commander arrested him and ordered him bound with two chains. He asked the crowd who he was and what he had done.



³⁴ Some shouted one thing and some another. Since he couldn't find out the truth in all the uproar and confusion, he ordered that Paul be taken to the fortress.

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Saturday 26th September – Soldiers protect Paul from the mob

Acts 21:35-36 (NLT)

³⁵ As Paul reached the stairs, the mob grew so violent the soldiers had to lift him to their shoulders to protect him.



³⁶ And the crowd followed behind, shouting, “Kill him, kill him!”

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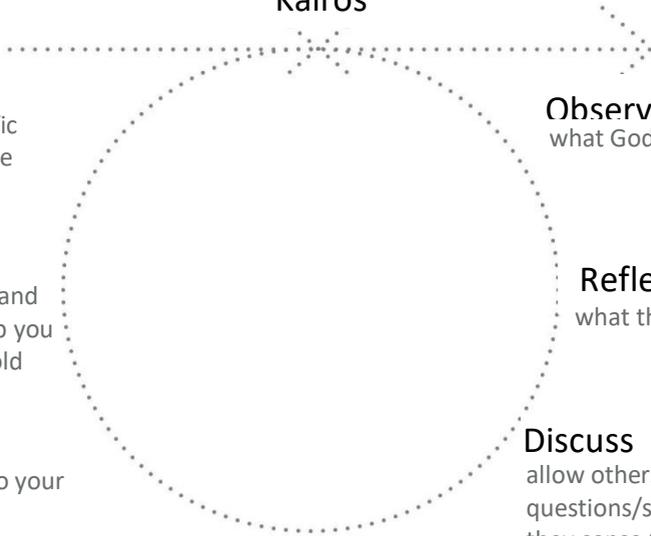
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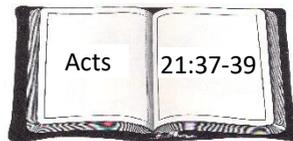
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Monday 28th September – Paul mistaken for an Egyptian Rebel

Acts 21:37-39 (NLT)

³⁷ As Paul was about to be taken inside, he said to the commander, “May I have a word with you?” “Do you know Greek?” the commander asked, surprised.



³⁸ “Aren’t you the Egyptian who led a rebellion some time ago and took 4,000 members of the Assassins out into the desert?”

³⁹ “No,” Paul replied, “I am a Jew and a citizen of Tarsus in Cilicia, which is an important city. Please, let me talk to these people.”

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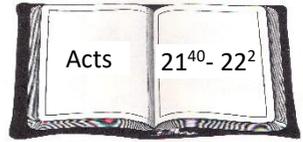
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Tuesday 29th September – Paul speaks to the crowd in Aramaic

Acts 21:40-22:2 (NLT)

⁴⁰ The commander agreed, so Paul stood on the stairs and motioned to the people to be quiet. Soon a deep silence enveloped the crowd, and he addressed them in their own language, Aramaic.



¹ “Brothers and esteemed fathers,” Paul said, “listen to me as I offer my defence.” ² When they heard him speaking in their own language, the silence was even greater..

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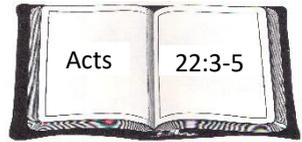
Wednesday 30th September – Paul: “I trained under Gamaliel”

Acts 22:3-5 (NLT)

³ Then Paul said, “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, and I was brought up and educated here in Jerusalem under Gamaliel. As his student, I was carefully trained in our Jewish laws and customs. I became very zealous to honour God in everything I did, just like all of you today.

⁴ And I persecuted the followers of the Way, hounding some to death, arresting both men and women and throwing them in prison.

⁵ The high priest and the whole council of elders can testify that this is so. For I received letters from them to our Jewish brothers in Damascus, authorizing me to bring the Christians from there to Jerusalem, in chains, to be punished.



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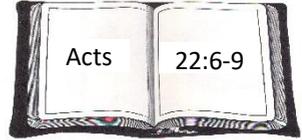
Thursday 1st October – Paul: My Damascus Road Encounter

Acts 22:6-9 (NLT)

⁶ “As I was on the road, approaching Damascus about noon, a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone down around me. ⁷ I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’

⁸ “‘Who are you, lord?’ I asked. “And the voice replied, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, the one you are persecuting.’

⁹ The people with me saw the light but didn’t understand the voice speaking to me.



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Friday 2nd October – Paul: Chosen to know His will

Acts 22:10-16 (NLT)



¹⁰ “I asked, ‘What should I do, Lord?’ “And the Lord told me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything you are to do.’ ¹¹ “I was blinded by the intense light and had to be led by the hand to Damascus by my companions.

¹² A man named Ananias lived there. He was a godly man, deeply devoted to the law, and well regarded by all the Jews of Damascus.

¹³ He came and stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your sight.’ And that very moment I could see him!

¹⁴ “Then he told me, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and hear him speak.

¹⁵ For you are to be his witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard.

¹⁶ What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.’

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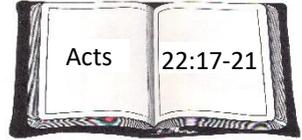
Saturday 3rd October – Paul: An apostle to the Gentiles

Acts 22:17-21 (NLT)

¹⁷ “After I returned to Jerusalem, I was praying in the Temple and fell into a trance. ¹⁸ I saw a vision of Jesus saying to me, ‘Hurry! Leave Jerusalem, for the people here won’t accept your testimony about me.’

¹⁹ “‘But Lord,’ I argued, ‘they certainly know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you.

²⁰ And I was in complete agreement when your witness Stephen was killed. I stood by and kept the coats they took off when they stoned him.’ ²¹ “But the Lord said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles!’”



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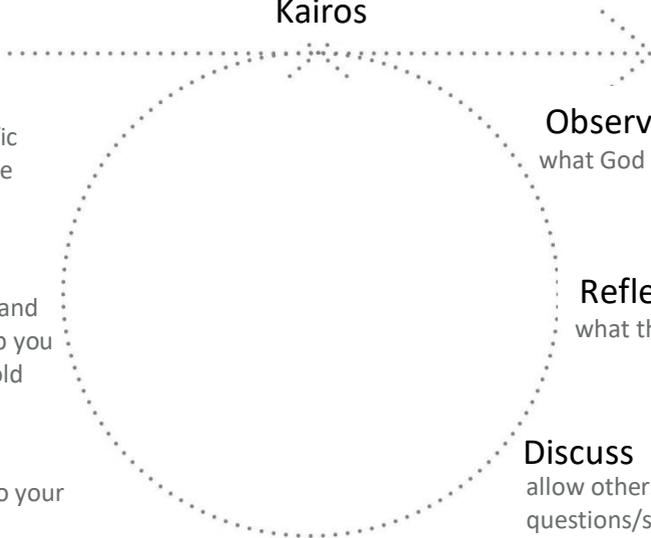
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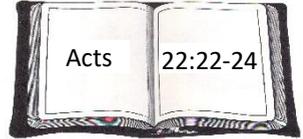
Monday 5th October – Paul and the crowd

Acts 22:22-24 (NLT)

²² The crowd listened until Paul said that word. Then they all began to shout, “Away with such a fellow! He isn’t fit to live!”

²³ They yelled, threw off their coats, and tossed handfuls of dust into the air.

²⁴ The commander brought Paul inside and ordered him lashed with whips to make him confess his crime. He wanted to find out why the crowd had become so furious.



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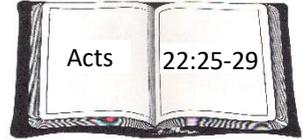
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Tuesday 6th October – A Roman Citizen beaten!

Acts 22:25-29 (NLT)



²⁵ When they tied Paul down to lash him, Paul said to the officer standing there, “Is it legal for you to whip a Roman citizen who hasn’t even been tried?”

²⁶ When the officer heard this, he went to the commander and asked, “What are you doing? This man is a Roman citizen!”

²⁷ So the commander went over and asked Paul, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” “Yes, I certainly am,” Paul replied.

²⁸ “I am, too,” the commander muttered, “and it cost me plenty!” Paul answered, “But I am a citizen by birth!”

²⁹ The soldiers who were about to interrogate Paul quickly withdrew when they heard he was a Roman citizen, and the commander was frightened because he had ordered him bound and whipped.

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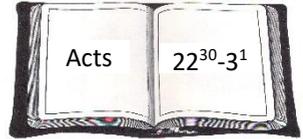
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Wednesday 7th October – Jewish High Council v Paul

Acts 22:30-23:1 (NLT)

³⁰ The next day the commander ordered the leading priests into session with the Jewish high council. He wanted to find out what the trouble was all about, so he released Paul to have him stand before them.



¹ Gazing intently at the high council, Paul began: “Brothers, I have always lived before God with a clear conscience!”

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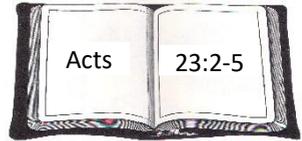
Thursday 8th October – Law and Disorder

Acts 23:2-5 (NLT)

² Instantly Ananias the high priest commanded those close to Paul to slap him on the mouth.

³ But Paul said to him, “God will slap you, you corrupt hypocrite! What kind of judge are you to break the law yourself by ordering me struck like that?”

⁴ Those standing near Paul said to him, “Do you dare to insult God’s high priest?” ⁵ “I’m sorry, brothers. I didn’t realize he was the high priest,” Paul replied, “for the Scriptures say, ‘You must not speak evil of any of your rulers.’”



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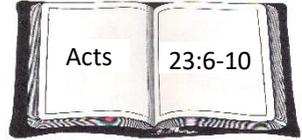


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Friday 9th October – Paul divides the Council

Acts 23:6-10 (NLT)



⁶ Paul realized that some members of the high council were Sadducees and some were Pharisees, so he shouted, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, as were my ancestors! And I am on trial because my hope is in the resurrection of the dead!”

⁷ This divided the council—the Pharisees against the Sadducees— ⁸ for the Sadducees say there is no resurrection or angels or spirits, but the Pharisees believe in all of these.

⁹ So there was a great uproar. Some of the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees jumped up and began to argue forcefully. “We see nothing wrong with him,” they shouted. “Perhaps a spirit or an angel spoke to him.”

¹⁰ As the conflict grew more violent, the commander was afraid they would tear Paul apart. So he ordered his soldiers to go and rescue him by force and take him back to the fortress.

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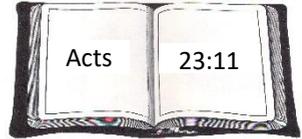
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Saturday 10th October - Paul in Caesarea

Acts 23:11 (NLT)

¹¹ That night the Lord appeared to Paul and said, “Be encouraged, Paul. Just as you have been a witness to me here in Jerusalem, you must preach the Good News in Rome as well.”



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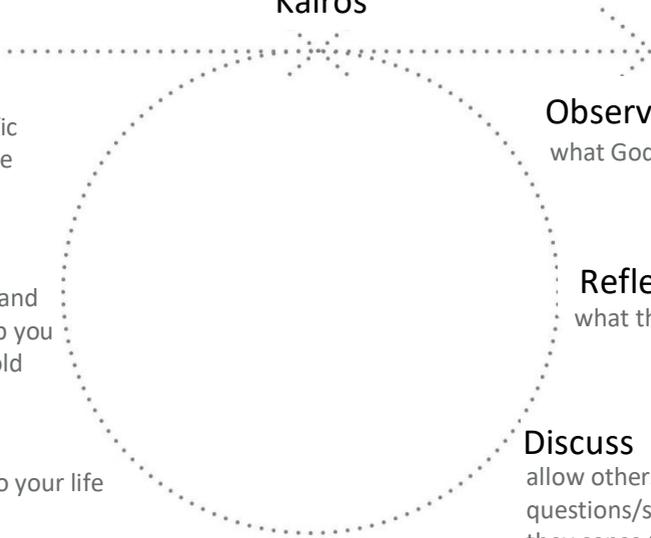
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Monday 12th October – The plan to kill Paul

Acts 23:12-15 (NLT)

¹² The next morning a group of Jews got together and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul.

¹³ There were more than forty of them in the conspiracy.

¹⁴ They went to the leading priests and elders and told them, “We have bound ourselves with an oath to eat nothing until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ So you and the high council should ask the commander to bring Paul back to the council again. Pretend you want to examine his case more fully. We will kill him on the way.”



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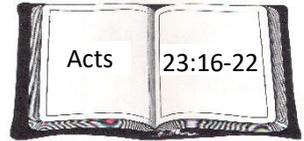


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Tuesday 13th October – The plan discovered



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Wednesday 14th October – Protection given to Paul

Acts 23:23-24 (NLT)

²³ Then the commander called two of his officers and ordered, “Get 200 soldiers ready to leave for Caesarea at nine o’clock tonight. Also take 200 spearmen and 70 mounted troops.

²⁴ Provide horses for Paul to ride, and get him safely to Governor Felix.”



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Thursday 15th October – A letter for the Governor

Acts 23:25-29 (NLT)

²⁵ Then he wrote this letter to the governor:

²⁶ “From Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency,
Governor Felix: Greetings!

²⁷ “This man was seized by some Jews, and they were about to kill him when I arrived with the troops. When I learned that he was a Roman citizen, I removed him to safety.

²⁸ Then I took him to their high council to try to learn the basis of the accusations against him. ²⁹ I soon discovered the charge was something regarding their religious law—certainly nothing worthy of imprisonment or death.



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Friday 16th October – Paul escapes death

Acts 23:30-32 (NLT)

³⁰ But when I was informed of a plot to kill him, I immediately sent him on to you. I have told his accusers to bring their charges before you.”

³¹ So that night, as ordered, the soldiers took Paul as far as Antipatris. ³² They returned to the fortress the next morning, while the mounted troops took him on to Caesarea.



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Saturday 17th October – The Governor hears Paul’s case

Acts 23:33-35 (NLT)

³³ When they arrived in Caesarea, they presented Paul and the letter to Governor Felix. ³⁴ He read it and then asked Paul what province he was from. “Cilicia,” Paul answered.

³⁵ “I will hear your case myself when your accusers arrive,” the governor told him. Then the governor ordered him kept in the prison at Herod’s headquarters.



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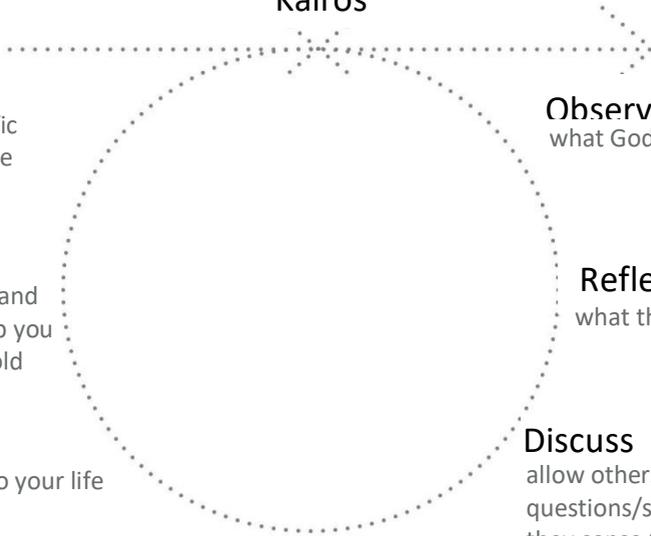
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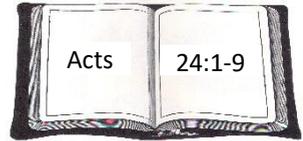
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Monday 19th October- Charges brought!



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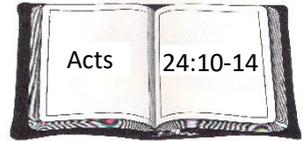
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Tuesday 20th October – Paul's Defence

Acts 24:10-14 (NLT)



¹⁰ The governor then motioned for Paul to speak. Paul said, “I know, sir, that you have been a judge of Jewish affairs for many years, so I gladly present my defense before you.

¹¹ You can quickly discover that I arrived in Jerusalem no more than twelve days ago to worship at the Temple.

¹² My accusers never found me arguing with anyone in the Temple, nor stirring up a riot in any synagogue or on the streets of the city. ¹³ These men cannot prove the things they accuse me of doing. ¹⁴ “But I admit that I follow the Way, which they call a cult. I worship the God of our ancestors, and I firmly believe the Jewish law and everything written in the prophets.

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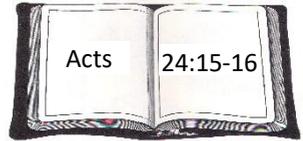
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Wednesday 21st October – Hope in God

Acts 24:15-16 (NLT)

¹⁵ I have the same hope in God that these men have, that he will raise both the righteous and the unrighteous.

¹⁶ Because of this, I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people.



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Thursday 22nd October – Paul’s explanation

Acts 24:17-23 (NLT)

¹⁷ “After several years away, I returned to Jerusalem with money to aid my people and to offer sacrifices to God.



¹⁸ My accusers saw me in the Temple as I was completing a purification ceremony. There was no crowd around me and no rioting. ¹⁹ But some Jews from the province of Asia were there—and they ought to be here to bring charges if they have anything against me!

²⁰ Ask these men here what crime the Jewish high council found me guilty of, ²¹ except for the one time I shouted out, ‘I am on trial before you today because I believe in the resurrection of the dead!’”

²² At that point Felix, who was quite familiar with the Way, adjourned the hearing and said, “Wait until Lysias, the garrison commander, arrives. Then I will decide the case.”

²³ He ordered an officer to keep Paul in custody but to give him some freedom and allow his friends to visit him and take care of his needs.

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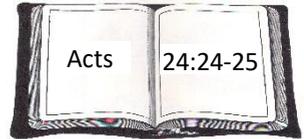
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Friday 23rd October – Paul talks faith

Acts 24:24-25 (NLT)

²⁴ A few days later Felix came back with his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish. Sending for Paul, they listened as he told them about faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁵ As he reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the coming day of judgment, Felix became frightened. “Go away for now,” he replied. “When it is more convenient, I’ll call for you again.”



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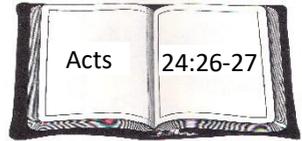
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Saturday 24th October – Paul’s character tested

Acts 24:26-27 (NLT)

²⁶ He also hoped that Paul would bribe him, so he sent for him quite often and talked with him.

²⁷ After two years went by in this way, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And because Felix wanted to gain favor with the Jewish people, he left Paul in prison.



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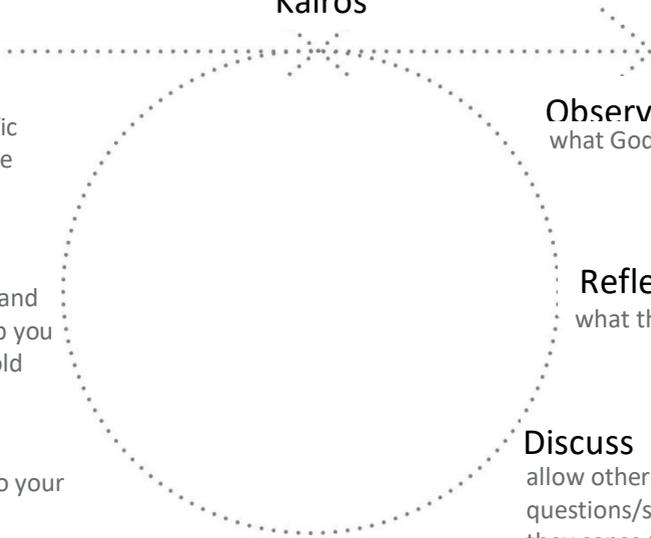
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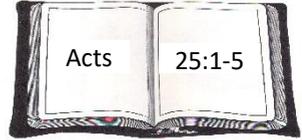
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Monday 26th October – Festus takes over his duties

Acts 25:1-5 (NLT)



¹ Three days after Festus arrived in Caesarea to take over his new responsibilities, he left for Jerusalem,

² where the leading priests and other Jewish leaders met with him and made their accusations against Paul.

³ They asked Festus as a favor to transfer Paul to Jerusalem (planning to ambush and kill him on the way).

⁴ But Festus replied that Paul was at Caesarea and he himself would be returning there soon.

⁵ So he said, “Those of you in authority can return with me. If Paul has done anything wrong, you can make your accusations.”

Ponder & Pray

What jumps out at you from today’s reading?



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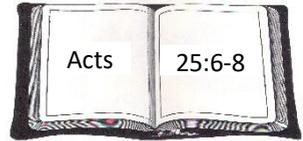
i) What is God saying to you?

ii) What are you going to do about it?

Tuesday 27th October – Paul denies charges

Acts 25:6-8 (NLT)

⁶ About eight or ten days later Festus returned to Caesarea, and on the following day he took his seat in court and ordered that Paul be brought in.



⁷ When Paul arrived, the Jewish leaders from Jerusalem gathered around and made many serious accusations they couldn't prove.

⁸ Paul denied the charges. "I am not guilty of any crime against the Jewish laws or the Temple or the Roman government," he said.

Ponder & Pray

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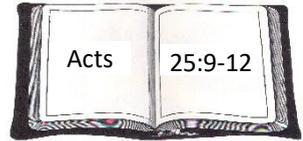
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Wednesday 28th October – Paul appeals to Caesar

Acts 25:9-12 (NLT)

⁹ Then Festus, wanting to please the Jews, asked him, “Are you willing to go to Jerusalem and stand trial before me there?”



¹⁰ But Paul replied, “No! This is the official Roman court, so I ought to be tried right here. You know very well I am not guilty of harming the Jews.

¹¹ If I have done something worthy of death, I don’t refuse to die. But if I am innocent, no one has a right to turn me over to these men to kill me. I appeal to Caesar!”

¹² Festus conferred with his advisers and then replied, “Very well! You have appealed to Caesar, and to Caesar you will go!”

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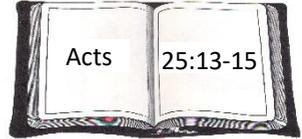
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Thursday 29th October – King Agrippa arrives

Acts 25:13-15 (NLT)

¹³ A few days later King Agrippa arrived with his sister, Bernice, to pay their respects to Festus.



¹⁴ During their stay of several days, Festus discussed Paul’s case with the king. “There is a prisoner here,” he told him, “whose case was left for me by Felix. ¹⁵ When I was in Jerusalem, the leading priests and Jewish elders pressed charges against him and asked me to condemn him.

Ponder & Pray

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ii) What are you going to do about it?

Friday 30th October – Festus and Agrippa discuss Paul

Acts 25:16-19 (NLT)



¹⁶ I pointed out to them that Roman law does not convict people without a trial. They must be given an opportunity to confront their accusers and defend themselves.

¹⁷ “When his accusers came here for the trial, I didn’t delay. I called the case the very next day and ordered Paul brought in.

¹⁸ But the accusations made against him weren’t any of the crimes I expected.

¹⁹ Instead, it was something about their religion and a dead man named Jesus, who Paul insists is alive.

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ii) What are you going to do about it?

Saturday 31st October - Agrippa wants to talk to Paul

Acts 25:20-22 (NLT)

²⁰ I was at a loss to know how to investigate these things, so I asked him whether he would be willing to stand trial on these charges in Jerusalem.



²¹ But Paul appealed to have his case decided by the emperor. So I ordered that he be held in custody until I could arrange to send him to Caesar.”

²² “I’d like to hear the man myself,” Agrippa said. And Festus replied, “You will—tomorrow!”

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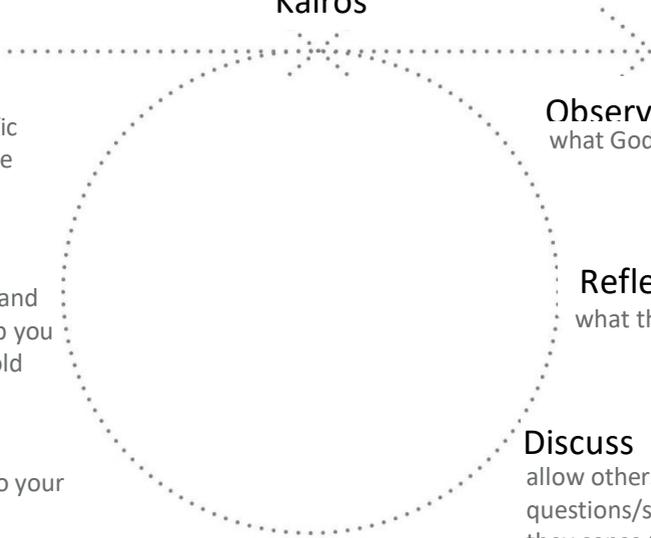
ii) What are you going to do about it?

Sunday 1st November Have you thought of sharing what you have learnt, gained or reminded of this week from **Acts 25:1-22** with others? Email lightbulb@iicelim.uk / text or voicenote to IIC WhatsApp on 07473 980 766

Process Kairos moments using the Circle

a significant moment/event when we sense God speaking specifically to us

Kairos



Act

put the next specific step/s of obedience into practice

Account

share what God is saying with others and asking them to help you and remind you/hold you to account

Plan

how to apply this to your life

Observe

what God could be saying?

Reflect

what that means to you

Discuss

allow others to ask questions/share what they sense God is saying

Write notes below

My kairos moment is.....

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Living Out God's Blueprint TODAY of
Journeying through the Book of Acts VI
Acts 20¹ - 25²²

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