Disciples Making Disciples

Acts 24-25:12

Acts 24:1-9 Paul before Felix at Caesarea

- Tertullus flattered Felix by way of introduction
- Then he brought false charges
 - A personal charge 'He is a pestilent fellow' (Acts24:5a)
 - A political charge sedition and leading an illegal religion (Acts 24:5b)
 - A doctrinal charge profaning the temple (Acts 24:6)
- The Jews heartily agreed with him

Acts 24:10-21 Paul faithfully answers

- The temple charge
 - The Apostles had an agreement (Gal 2:7-10)
 - Paul had only been in town for 12 days
- Sedition and heresy
 - Paul worshipped the same God as the Jews and aligned with the Pharisees view of the Old Testament
 - The early Christians saw themselves as 'fulfilled Jews'

Acts 24:22-27 Paul kept in custody

- Felix was foolish
 - <u>Towards God's Word</u> he had a take it or leave it attitude
 - Towards his sins he knew he was a sinner, yet refused to repent and obey the Lord
 - <u>Towards God's grace</u> the Lord had been patient with Felix, yet he refused to surrender

Acts 25:1-12 Paul appealed to Caesar

- The Jews rehashed their charges to Festus from 2 years ago
- They still had no evidence
- They wanted to ambush the prisoner transport and kill Paul

Procrastination

- Sins of the past (righteousness)
 - Modern sensibilities don't allow us to think of sin, but rather every other permutation of the word (e.g. mistakes)

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- Temptations right now (self control)
 - It seems that people can control almost everything except themselves

Procrastination

- The judgement to come
 - Jesus Christ is either our Saviour or our Judge (Acts 17:31)

Are you quick to repent and obey or do you procrastinate and fall into foolish sin?

² For he says,
"In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."
Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (ESV)