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The Question of Moving
Acts 23-26

Questions of faith:

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Dealing with Questions:

I. Questions from _____. (Acts 23)

Acts 21:28 *"Men of Israel, come to our aid! This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people and the Law and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."*

Paul's Response:

Acts 23:1-6 *Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, "Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day." 2 The high priest Ananias commanded those standing beside him to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?" 4 But the bystanders said, "Do you revile God's high priest?" 5 And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest; for it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.'" 6 But perceiving that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began crying out in the Council, "Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!"*

II. Questions from those in _____. (Gov. Felix)

Acts 24:1,5-6 *After five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders, with an attorney named Tertullus, and they brought charges to the governor against Paul. 5 "For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. 6 And he even tried to desecrate the temple; and then we arrested him. We wanted to judge him according to our own Law."*

Paul's Response:

Acts 24:14-15, *"But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets; 15 having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked."*

Gov. Festus:

Acts 25:18-19 *"When the accusers stood up, they began bringing charges against him not of such crimes as I was expecting, 19 but they simply had some points of disagreement with him about their own religion and about a dead man, Jesus, whom Paul asserted to be alive."*

III. Questions from _____. (Acts 25-26)

Acts 26:22-23 *"So, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; 23 that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have you had other people question your faith? (Those from your past life? Those curious or seeking? Those threatened by your faith?)
2. When have you questioned your own faith?
3. What would change in your interaction with others (those curious about your faith, those seeking faith, those threatened by your faith), if you lived out of a core answer of Christ and the resurrection?
4. Where is the Spirit moving you this year?

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