

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich When Wicked Mouths are Opened Against God's People

Acts 25:1-12

January 12, 2020

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Acts 25: 1 Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. [2] And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, [3] asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. [4] Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. [5] “So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.” [6] After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. [7] When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. [8] Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.” [9] But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” [10] But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. [11] If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.” [12] Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”</p>	<p>The Apostle Paul demonstrates how Christians might deal with false accusations and attacks.</p> <p>I. Examples of dealing with attacks/false accusations before Paul</p> <p>A. Joseph (Genesis 37, 39-50)</p> <p>B. Jesus</p> <p>II. Paul's response to attacks and false accusations</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. What are some ways that Christians might be attacked or falsely accused today? Examples?

2. Compare the ways Joseph, Jesus, and Paul answered attacks or false accusations.

3. Discuss this statement from John Calvin-

"Christ's servants...must be all the more courageous to carry on through good and evil reports; they should not think it anything remarkable that evil is spoken of them when they have done good. At the same time, they must easily defend themselves before men when the opportunity arises."

4. Pastor Tony provided several principles for how Christians might deal with attacks and/or false accusations. What are some that you remember? Discuss.

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: