

**May 5, 2024**  
**Acts 25**  
**“When It’s Just Not Fair”**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

Festus was a short term one year or two governor. He got sick and died not long after this trial just a few short years later. The sad thing about Festus is that he did much like Pilate in the trial of Jesus, he ultimately compromised his sense of justice due to the pressure from the Jews. Follow Paul’s example, be wise, calculated, weigh the cost and seek the best path forward to achieve your God given **purpose**, and all the while-never compromising Truth.

Festus saw through all the Jews were trying to do to get Paul out in the open so they could kill him. He said, no, we’ll have this trial in Caesarea; by so doing he inadvertently became Paul’s protector. (God’s instrument)

Think about how Paul must have felt, in prison for 2 years unjustly and now surrounded by powerful men with a grudge that will not go away. Paul claimed, I have done no wrong “blameless life”. I appeal to Caesar! Paul was on his way to Rome, Paul knew this because he trusted the Lord to keep His promises. Paul was bound to servng Jesus and the Jews were bound in hate. But, God is in control. **Joshua 24:15** speaks to this, choose you this day whom you will serve.

They were thinking, get him, Paul was thinking, a full house to share the gospel with! He is set to share his testimony. Paul remembered the promise of the Lord that he would go to Rome. Knowing that he was right where the Lord wanted him to be Paul could stand up to the injustices at the hands of the unjust that he was enduring. Meditate on **I Peter 2:19**.

**Application:**

In the face of adversity, Paul remained faithful. By this properly directed zeal, God used him to change the world. In the face of opposition, hostility toward him personally, and hatred from enemies of the gospel, Paul would persevere. Think back on his 3 missionary journeys. There was persecution and threat of death at every turn; aren’t we glad he did not give up! Is there someone in your life that needs you to persevere and go through hard times to make an eternal impact on their lives for the Kingdom of God? Don’t faint, by His grace, persevere. This sort of walk will require a trust in the Lord Jesus and in His goodness. Remember His promises and fulfill His purpose for your life!