

GIVING A BOLD WITNESS TO A BAD AUDIENCE

Acts 22:1-29

So, how can we give a bold witness to a bad audience?

1. Be **honest** about your personal past (v.1-5). Everyone has a **past**.
 - a. Be **respectful** of all people (v.1).
 - b. **Identify** with your listeners (v.2-3).
 - c. Own up to your own **past deeds** (v.4-5).
2. Be **clear** about your divine encounter (v.6-11).
 - a. God **stopped** me (v.6).
 - b. God pointed out my **sin** (v.7-9).
 - c. God told me **what to do** (v.10-11).
3. Be bold about your **call** and **conversion** (v.12-16).
 - a. Being a devout Jew and a Christian are not mutually **exclusive** (v.12-13).
 - b. God had **plans** for Paul (v.14-15).
 - c. God required bold **confession** of his faith (v.16).
4. Be **obedient** to the Savior's command (v.17-21).

5. Be ready to receive racial and religious **hatred** (v.22-29).
 - a. He allowed the commander to **indicate his plans** (v.24).
 - b. He picked his moment to **speak up** (v.25b).
 - c. He used his **citizenship** to his advantage.

But what is this passage about?

Our circumstances **reveal** us; they don't make us.

Our circumstances grant us open doors; they don't **prevent** our witness.

God's grace is greater than all of **our sin**.

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