

When Trials Won't Go Away

Acts 24:10-23

(series #91)

Intro: how easy it is to second guess and criticize those who go through long trials and attacks

- I. Paul's confidence in Felix v. 10**
- II. Paul denies the first accusation vv. 11-13**
 - A. He was in Jerusalem to worship v. 11
 - B. He did not dispute or dialogue v. 12
 - C. The accusations can't be proven v. 13
- III. Paul clarifies the 2nd accusation vv. 14-16**
 - A. He admits to being a Christian v. 14
 - B. He states that his faith is not bizarre or cultic
vv. 15-16
- IV. Paul denies the third accusation vv. 17-21**
 - A. He holds his tongue v. 18
 - B. He mentions his accusers won't face him v. 19
 - C. He brings it back to the real issue vv. 20-21
- V. The Decision of Felix - postponed vv. 22-23**

Concluding applications: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

God humbles His children by means of suffering

God is ultimately the only one to who we can go

God's solution is often to increase grace

God perfects power out of weakness