

Would You Persuade Me?

May 14, 2023 Acts 25 & 26 Pastor Todd McAllister

Introduction: Transition from _____ to Festus

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Festus asked _____ for help. (Acts 25)

The _____

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You- _____

Me- _____

Others: supporting _____

The _____: (26:1-23)

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(26:1-3)

My life _____ Christ (26:4-11)

“My manner of life from my youth...”

How I _____ Christ (26:12-18)

“I saw on the way a light from heaven...”

How meeting Christ _____ my life (26:19-23)

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Where do you locate yourself in this presentation?

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The _____ (26:24-32)

“In a short time **would you persuade me** to be a Christian?”

And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

What is your primary _____ in life?

Does it agree with Jesus’ primary purpose for His followers?

“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt. 4:19)

(Mark 1:17; Luke 5:10; John 4:38; Acts 1:8)

How will you get involved in the primary purpose that Jesus has for His followers?

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Me- King Agrippa

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