



COURAGE UNDER PRESSURE

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“These are the days it never rains but it pours.” FREDDIE MERCURY AND DAVID BOWIE, *UNDER PRESSURE*

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Increasingly high anxiety levels indicate that many people today are _____, and they don’t know how to _____.

Paul Before the Jewish Sanhedrin [Acts 23:1-11]

And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.”² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.³ Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”⁴ Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?”⁵ And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’” ACTS 23:1-5

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A Plot to Kill Paul [Acts 23:12-22]

When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³ There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul.

¹⁵ Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near.” ACTS 23:12-15 ESV

Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. ACTS 23:16 ESV

Take Home Applications

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