



A CHEERFUL DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL

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“Who is the happy warrior? Who is he that every man in arms should wish to be?” WILLIAM WORDSWORTH, *CHARACTER OF THE HAPPY WARRIOR*

Happy warriors make us believe in our most _____.

Paul On Trial [Acts 24:1-21]

And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. They laid before the governor their case against Paul. ... ACTS 23:1-5

Charges Against Paul

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And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied: “Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. ...” ACTS 24:10 ESV

“It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.” ACTS 24:21 ESV

One of These Days [Acts 24:22-27]

But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case. ²³ Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

ACTS 24:22-23 ESV

After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you." ²⁶ At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. ²⁷ When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison. ACTS 24:24-27 ESV

If you put off until another time a decision about _____, you are at risk of losing your soul to _____.

Take Home Applications

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