**First Baptist Church Taylorsville**

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 ***[Who’s Your One: Almost Thou Persuadest Me]***

**Acts 26: 1-29**

Now is the time for the spiritual exercise of “Who’s Your One”, primarily for two reasons:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our community.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

In evangelism, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is measured by obedience and faithfulness to the action, not by the “result”.

Notice that Paul does not have a cold, unengaging, unemotional, bare facts conversation with Agrippa. Instead, Paul appeals to Agrippa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verses 3, 13, 18, 25).

Next, Paul makes an appeal to the common and shared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he has with the Jewish King Agrippa (verses 4 &5).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capital is the favor and connection you have with other people because of things you share in common.

Because Paul knows the power of the Word of God, he next appeals to Agrippa based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“The sufficiency of scripture means it contains all the Words of God He intended His people to have in each stage of redemptive history, and now it contains everything we need God to tell us for salvation, for trusting Him perfectly, and for obeying Him perfectly. Scripture contains everything we need for salvation”.

In addition to Scripture, we may also need to appeal to our personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when sharing the gospel as Paul did in this conversation (verses 9-19).

The power of the Gospel shows us no one is beyond the reach of our God. There is no one the gospel can’t reach.

It is a miracle of grace that God saves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul had a powerful testimony and if God has saved you, you have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ testimony too!

Because of the weight and depth of your sin, the power of your rebellion against God, the fact God saved you and you now love Him is a powerful testimony to His grace.

Continuing the conversation with Agrippa, Paul gives a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ picture of what it means to be saved by God.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means turning from our sin and toward God, performing deeds in keeping with repentance.

If the Gospel is powerful enough to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us it is powerful enough to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.

Lastly, Paul ends by calling for a personal and individual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Agrippa based on what he has heard (verse 27).

The gospel demands a response from all people. When we share the gospel, we must call the person to respond to what they have heard.

**Application**

The response may not always be acceptance, but that does not mean we have failed. Like Paul we must say, “I don’t care how long it takes - a short or a long time - I want you to know and believe the hope of the God I know and believe”.

Though it seems perhaps as if Paul “failed”, I don’t think he did. I think there is something good we can learn from this passage. When you and I share with our ONE, it will not always be met with someone choosing to receive the gospel. If this is the case, you are not a FAILURE, because success is being obedient to share. So, do not be discouraged, keep sharing, keep praying - keep working. Just like Paul when he said, “Whether short or long, I would pray to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am (A Christian) - except for these chains.

***Blanks: lostness; worthiness; success; personally; history; Relational; Scripture; testimony; anyone; powerful; full & complete; Salvation; save & change; response***