

## Sermon Notes

### I. Introduction

- **Passages:** Acts 23:12-35; Genesis 3:14-15; Galatians 5:16-21
- **Key Theme:** Spiritual warfare and reliance on Christ for victory.

### II. Key Themes and Discussions

#### A. Paul's Trial and God's Intervention (Acts 23)

- **Assassins' Plot:** A group of more than 40 Jews conspires to kill Paul, vowing neither to eat nor drink until they succeed.
- **God's Protection:** Paul's nephew learns of the ambush and informs the Roman commander, who protects Paul by transferring him to Caesarea.
- **Application:** God intervenes in unseen ways to protect His people. Believers are often unaware of how many times God has shielded them from harm.

#### B. The Spiritual Battle Against the Flesh

- **Genesis 3:14-15:** The curse on the serpent (Satan) highlights his reliance on human weakness ("dust") to attack.
- **Walking in the Spirit:** Believers are called to live by the Spirit, resisting the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16-21).
- **Victory Through Christ:** Jesus' death and resurrection crushed Satan's power, giving believers the ability to overcome spiritual attacks.

#### C. Practical Steps for Believers

- **Be Aware of the Enemy:** Satan often plants lies and temptations in our minds. Recognizing these schemes helps believers stand firm.
- **Rely on Jesus:** Victory comes from knowing and proclaiming our identity in Christ. Satan has no power over a believer walking in the Spirit.
- **Live in Obedience:** Daily surrender to God and humility are essential in the fight against spiritual forces.

### III. Conclusion

- **Reflection:** Pastor Wes challenges the congregation to examine their lives, repent where necessary, and walk in the Spirit.
- **Encouragement:** Believers are equipped to stand firm against the enemy through the power of Christ, who ensures ultimate victory.

### Scriptural References

- Acts 23:12-35

- Genesis 3:14-15
- Galatians 5:16-21
- Ephesians 6:12
- John 10:10