

God Will Meet Us in Our Struggle
Acts 22:30 – 23:35

PAUL encounters TWO PROBLEMS/TWO TURNING POINTS.
 Problem #1

I. There are two prominent themes in Acts, which continue throughout all of church history.

#1 The _____ of the gospel	#2 The _____ to the gospel
2 – the beginning of the church on Pentecost	2:13 – Some mocked and ridiculed the gathering
3:12-26 – Peter heals a lame man and preaches the gospel	4:2 – the religious leaders are annoyed and put them in jail (4:3), commanding them to no longer speak about Jesus (4:18)
4:19-20 is the attitude, so they keep preaching	5:17-18 – the Sanhedrin arrest and imprison them, but God sent an angel to release them (5:19-20)
5:21 – they keep preaching	5:28, 40 – further threats/beating
5:42 – they keep preaching	
6:9-10 – Stephen crushes religious leaders in a debate	6:11-15 – they hire false witnesses to lie about him and put him on trial
7:1-53 – Stephen preaches a powerful sermon defending the gospel	7:54-60 – they drove him out of the city and killed him; and persecution intensified (8:1-3)
8:4 – the gospel continued to spread	12:1-3 – James is executed, and Peter is arrested, miraculously released (12:7-11) and forced into seclusion (12:17)
9:20-22 – Paul is saved and immediately preaches	9:23 – the leaders plot to kill him
Every time Paul advances the gospel, he is opposed	13:6-8 – Cyprus; 13:45 – Pisidian Antioch; 14:2 – Iconium; 14:19 – Lystra; 17:5ff – Thessalonica; 17:13 – Berea; 18:6, 12-13 – Corinth; 19:9 – Ephesus; 20:3 – Corinth; 21:27ff – Jerusalem

Problem #2

Turning Point #1

Turning Point #2

III. God _____ Paul in the _____, 23:11

II. The advance of the gospel is again met with opposition, 23:1-10

IV. The Immediate Application of This Promise: Paul's life is spared, 23:12-24 AND Final Details, 23:25-35