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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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The Rest of the Story

-Joe Slater

The late Paul Harvey often ended his commentary with some interesting tale having an unexpected twist. His trademark ending: “And now you know . . . the rest . . . of the story. Good day!”

Knowing “the rest of the story” often keeps us from making fools of ourselves. Wise Solomon observed, “The first one to plead his cause seems right until his neighbor comes and examines him” (Proverbs 18:17). Indeed, there are at least two sides to every story, and many can “spin” their particular side to make it sound conclusive. But when someone else presents “the rest of the story,” what first seemed obvious may become far less clear. That’s why defense attorneys cross examine the prosecution’s witnesses and vice versa. The jury needs to hear all sides to reach a just verdict.

After the conquest of Canaan, the Transjordan tribes erected an altar to symbolize their identity with the tribes west of the river in the worship of the Lord. The western tribes, however, feared that their eastern brethren were establishing a rival system of worship in rebellion to the Lord, so they prepared for war. Fortunately, before firing a shot, the eastern tribes asked their brethren to explain why they had built that altar. Hearing “the rest of the story” satisfied them that no apostasy was occurring, and no war was called for (Joshua 22:10-34).

Let us strenuously avoid the common tendency to rush to judgment! Someone said that a falsehood can run halfway around the world before the truth can get its shoes tied. And for whatever reasons, people tend to believe the worst. Speaking for myself, I’ve been called everything from a “liberal” to a “Pharisee.” And those are just the ones I know about!

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2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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**An AMC Breakfast with
Austin Fowler
5/11/24 9:00 AM**

Paul Speaks to the Crowd

Acts 22:1-29

I. His Former Life- v. 3-5

- A. His upbringing and education- v. 3, Acts 5:34-39, Galatians 1:14
- B. His persecution of the church- v. 4-5, 1 Corinthians 15:9

II. His Conversion- v. 6-16

- A. Paul recounts his personal experience- v. 6-16
- B. Our experiences may help others- 1 Peter 3:15, 4:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

III. His Commission- v. 17-23

- A. His calling to the Gentiles- v. 17-21, Galatians 1:15-19, Romans 1:16
- B. The Jew's opposition- v. 22-23, Acts 7:54-58

Acts 21:37 to 22:1

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| CITY | GREEK | MEAN | SPEAK | WILDERNESS |

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home

Song: 937 I Stand in Awe

Prayer

Song: 880 O How He Loves You and Me

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 603 Sweet Is the Promise

Song: 243 Home of the Soul

Scripture Reading: Acts 21:37-22:1

Sermon

Song: 771 Will You Come

Song: 756 When We All Get to Heaven (v. 3)

Prayer

Acts 21:37-22:1

- ³⁷ Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can you speak Greek?"
- ³⁸ Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?"
- ³⁹ But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people."
- ⁴⁰ So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to *them* in the Hebrew language, saying,

Acts 22:

- ¹ "Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now."

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10