

Acts 29 Chuck

1. While in Rome, when he wasn't proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Paul spent most of his time writing. 2. Sometimes he would share with us what he was writing but there were times that he chose not to share. 3. Also, during this time, a young man from Marietta named Chuck had begun to grow very close to Paul and earn his trust. 4. Although Chuck was very timid at times, Paul knew that Chuck was filled with the Holy Spirit and would be very instrumental in reaching others for Christ. 5. Paul made it very clear to all of us that protecting his writings were of the utmost importance and was a priority above everything, including our personal well being.

6. Nero was the Caesar of Rome at this time and he was a very cruel man, especially to followers of Jesus 7. When they came to Rome to pay their respect to Nero, Festus, King Agrippa and Bernice were surprised to hear that Paul had never stood trial before Caesar. 8. Nero immediately sent for Paul to be brought before him. 9. Paul knew this day was coming because of what the angel had told him on the ship about living long enough to stand trial before Caesar.

10. Paul had begun to prepare for this moment long before it arrived. 11. He had been spending more and more time with Chuck to make sure that he was ready to do what was required of him. 12. For weeks, Chuck had been hiding Paul's writings outside of the city. 13. Paul chose Chuck because of his loyalty and dependability. 14. But this is where Chuck's obedience comes into play. 15. The guards are now at the door and all of us, including Chuck, are wanting to fight or convince Paul to run. 16. Paul calmly and confidently told all of us that this is something that has to happen and that we all know what we need to do. 17. Paul also told us that this would be his last arrest and trial. 18. We all knew better than to doubt Paul because of the gift of prophecy that the Holy Spirit had bestowed upon him.

19. Chuck left Rome soon after Paul's arrest. 20. He was on a ship headed to Jerusalem when he heard Paul's beheading. 21. This was very troubling to Chuck but it just strengthened his resolve to get Paul's writings into trustful and reliable hands. 22. On his trip back to Jerusalem, Chuck had met up with a few EPIC men that he knew would be in life for years and that would be by his side to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the goodness of God the Father and the Power of the Holy Spirit.