

## Paul Before Felix

### Acts 24

Group <sup>1</sup>	C	V	Description
Paul before Felix	24	1-2a	Tertullus, an attorney, is hired by the Sanhedrin
		2b-9	Tertullus presents the case and is joined by the Jews
		10-21	Paul makes his defense after acknowledgment from Felix
		22-23	Felix delays his decision until Lysias the commander is available; Paul kept under arrest but allowed to have friends visit him
		24-27	Felix would occasionally listen to Paul speak while he was being held, all the while hoping for a bribe to release him; Paul is left in prison for 2 years and then Porcius Festus becomes governor

### Reflections

Previously, Paul was arrested, almost flogged, allowed to make a defense before the Council, bound over for trial before the governor and then transported to Caesarea after a plot to kill Paul was discovered. Now Felix, the Roman governor, as allowed the Jewish leaders to bring their case to be heard before him. They've hired a lawyer, Tertullus, to present their case and Paul then gives his testimony. Felix delays his decision regarding Paul's case and continues to call Paul to discuss faith in Jesus Christ with him, all the while hoping for a bribe to secure Paul's release.

God's intended purpose for our lives isn't always clearly seen, as in the case of Paul who was told that he would be bound and would present the gospel in Rome. Yet we have to remain faithful, always ready to give a reason for the hope that we have in Jesus.

**1 Peter 3:15 NASB** but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

God will provide opportunities for you to present the gospel, we just have to be ready.

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