



July 26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
 “Tell Your Life Story...Like Your Life Depended on it”
 Pastor Brock preaching

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Use these questions as a starting point to dive deeper into the sermon each week. Can be used individually, with family and friends, or with your Life-group!

1. In these four chapters, Paul goes through a lot. He has to stand before a couple of high government officials, and then travels - rather perilously - to the seat of the empire. He encounters beatings, name calling, and defamation of character, as well as being shipwrecked and being bitten by a viper.
 - a. What kind of similar life experiences have you had, if any?
 - b. How have those life experiences changed you?
2. Standing before Agrippa, Paul once again gives the story of his former life - before Christ - and how he came to become a believer.
 - a. Can you articulate a specific time or experience when faith became real in your life?
3. Verse 14, Paul quotes The Voice as saying:
 - a. ¹⁴ When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' (Acts 26:14 NRS)
 - i. Compare this to 9:5 & 22:7.
 - ii. Why do you think this telling is different?
 - iii. Does it matter?
 - b. “Kicking against the goads” - what does that mean to you?
 - i. (Sidenote: “Kicking against the goads” - Goads were long, sharpened sticks used to prod oxen when they were hitched to yokes. Not wanting to be jabbed again with the sharp stick, the ox would try and kick against it. It would soon learn that it was better to accept the direction the farmer than to “kick against the goad.” *ESV Student Study Bible*, p.1487
 - c. What is a modern-day equivalent?
4. What have you learned over the discussion of this book?
 - a. Were you familiar with the Acts of the Apostles before we began this Congregational reading?
 - b. What are you taking away from learning about the early years of the Church?
5. Would you like to see another sermon series focusing on just one book?



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