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• IL - George Whitefield - "...I know worse things about myself than you will ever say about me!..."

• Paul was able to stand firm and confident rather than be discouraged or distracted.

• We don't need to be discouraged when adversity come our way.

• ACTS 25:1-12 - Paul boldly faced Festus and appealed.

• Paul was able to stand confident in his appeal because of the assurance he had in Jesus Christ, the Lord.

• These 4 assurances are for you today too!



Ve can trust God because we know God!

• Paul knew Jesus...had a growing relationship with Jesus and learned to trust him.

• IF WE KNOW THE SOVEREIGN GOD, THEN WE CAN TRUST HIM TO DEFEND AND PROTECT US ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

• Proverbs 3:5-6

• Psalm 46:10

• The assurance of trust is KNOWING that God has this!

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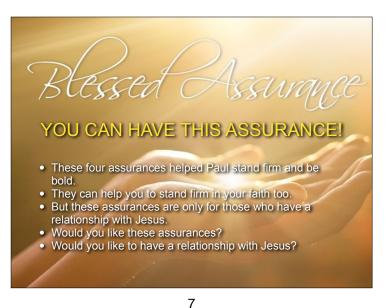
## We can look at this as an opportunity rather than a problem!

- Paul saw this as an opportunity to go to do God's work (Acts 9:15, 23:11).
- IF WE HAVE PERSONALLY RECEIVED MERCY AT THE CROSS, THEN WE SHOULD VIEW EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE, NO MATTER HOW FRUSTRATING, AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROCLAIM GOD'S MERCY TO OTHERS
- There is a difference in the way the world sees adversity and the way Christians look at adversity.
- Hebrews 13:15
- Philippians 2:14-16
- Your light shines brightest when you look for opportunities when bad situations come your way.

## We can be ready for whatever comes ahead!

- No fear! Paul knew his life was from Jesus and in Jesus (Ph 1:21).
- IF WE FOLLOW THE SAVIOR WHO LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US, THEN WE SHOULD BE READY AND WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE OF OUR COMMITMENT TO HIM.
- IL Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
- What does that look like to you?
  - 1. Without the fear of death you are free to serve with no limitation
  - 2. Without the fear of death you can be bolder than ever before
  - 3. Without the fear of death you can go where God sends you in confidence and assurance.
- The assurance of faith and eternal life give us confidence in Jesus.

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