

Living Water Part 49
Acts 26:1-18

The Title Of The Message: “Persecuted For Hope”

The Key Word: Hope

The Thought: We will be persecuted for our hope in Jesus, but in the end, that hope will reward us.

The Breakdown:

Verses 1-7 Arrested Because Of Hope...

Verses 8-11 Sin’s Persecution...

Verses 12-18 Arrested By Jesus...

Verses 1-7 Arrested For Hope...

Acts 26:1-3

Then Agrippa said to Paul...

Paul stretched out his hand and answered...

Acts 9:15 (NKJV) But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear...

2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV) Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Acts 26:4-5

My manner of life...

Matthew 7:21 (NKJV) “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Galatians 2:16 (NKJV) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Acts 26:6-7

And now I stand...

Verses 8-11 Sin’s Persecution...

Acts 26:8

Why should it be thought...

Job 19:25–27

The same question could be asked today. People have trouble with miracles because they fail to comprehend the power and the reality of God. You see, the difficulty of a task can only be determined when measured against the agent who attempts to accomplish it. J. B. Phillips was right in his contention that sometimes our God is indeed too small. If we get hung up on the problems and the challenges

before us, it's because we fail to realize the size, strength, and heart of our Father. -Jon Courson

Acts 26:9-11

Indeed, I myself thought...

**Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.**

Verses 12-18 Arrested By Jesus...

Acts 26:12-13

While thus occupied...

Acts 9:7 (NKJV) And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

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Acts 26:14-15

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Acts 26:16-18

But rise and stand...

1 Thessalonians 5:14–18

Application:

- 1. Christians have a hope that's worth being persecuted for.**
- 2. Sin combined with religion will makes us think we are right with God, but are we?**
- 3. Christians have a salvation story worth sharing when preaching the gospel.**