

GROUUPS

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RIOTS & REVIVALS: 03/22/2026 - Mike Wilson

MAIN IDEA

**PERSUADE PEOPLE WITH POWER TO
SURRENDER THEIR LIVES TO JESUS**

TALK ABOUT IT

- **ICEBREAKER:** Have you ever acted a little differently depending on who you were around (friends, family, work, school, etc.)? What changed? Was that change mostly positive, or did it ever feel like you were hiding part of who you really are?
- Paul stands before powerful leaders but doesn't change his message. Where are you tempted to soften or adjust your faith depending on your audience—and why?
- What do you think makes a life “persuasive” for the gospel beyond just words?
- How does hiding or minimizing your past actually weaken your testimony?
- Paul openly shares the darkest parts of his past. What parts of your story are hardest to be honest about—and what holds you back from sharing them?
- Which is harder to admit: obvious sin or self-righteousness—and why?
- The sermon said, “Your past is an opportunity to show God’s glory.” How have you seen God use someone’s broken past to impact others?
- Paul’s story centers on a clear moment where Jesus intervened. Can you clearly identify your “pivot moment,” or has your faith been more gradual? How does that shape your story?
- In Paul’s encounter, Jesus confronts, calls, and commissions him. Which of those has been most real in your life—and why?
- How has Jesus disrupted your plans, identity, or direction? Was it welcome or difficult?
- Why is it important that our testimony points to what Jesus did, not just how we improved ourselves?
- The sermon said, “Delayed obedience is disobedience.” Do you agree with that? Why or why not?
- Paul says, “I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.” Where in your life do you feel delayed obedience right now? What is it costing you?
- What fears most often keep you from speaking about Jesus in your everyday life?
- King Agrippa was “almost persuaded.” Why do you think people stop at “almost” when it comes to following Jesus?
- Paul says he wants others to become like him—except for the chains. How can suffering or “chains” in your life actually strengthen your witness instead of weakening it?
- Paul lovingly presses for a full response. Who in your life might be “almost”—and what would it look like to courageously and compassionately move them toward “altogether”?

- As you think about your own story—your past, your pivot, and your present—what would it look like for you this week to fully surrender every area of your life to Jesus, and boldly share your story in a way that invites someone else to experience Him too?

KEY SCRIPTURES

ACTS 26:1-29

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - Easter at Sage Hills Church April 4th & 5th
 - Saturday, 3pm, 4:30pm & 6pm
 - Sunday, 8:30am, 10am, and 11:30am
- **EXPERIENCE:**
 - Become a Facilitator - Spring Groups
 - Alpha
 - Rooted
 - Sermon Based
 - Contact Becky at (509) 433-7402 for further details
- **EXPAND**
 - All Church Clean-up - Saturday, March 28, 2026
 - [Sign-up HERE](#)
 - Baptisms during ALL Easter Services - [Take the next step here](#)

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