Lessons & Observations from

Acts 26

- 1. "Almost' cannot avail; 'Almost' is but to fail; Sad, sad, that bitter wail-'Almost'-but lost."
- 2. To be almost persuaded is to still be fully lost.
- 3. Only the obedient will see salvation.
- 4. People in all walks of life can be touched by the gospel.
- 5. We should desire that all be come Christians.
- 6. We need to teach and persuade others to become Christians.
- 7. We should ever "speak forth the words of truth and reason." Acts 26:25
- 8. When called upon to speak, always speak the truth.
- 9. The resurrection is still a part of gospel truth.
- 10. Truth should be acted upon. Acts 27:31-32
- 11. Being familiar with the truth and obeying the truth are two different matters.
- 12. The preaching of the gospel is to open the eyes of the hearers. Acts 26:18
- 13. The greatest call in the world is the gospel call.
- 14. The gospel call has come into the world to call us out of the world.
- 15. Even when being falsely accused, a Christian should exhibit courtesy.
- 16. Like Paul, we have been given the opportunity to obey the gospel, and we are here to help others have the same opportunity.
- 17. Every Christian should help others: Acts 26:18
 - a. "Open their eyes."
 - b. "Turn them from darkness."
 - c. Turn them "from the power of Satan unto God."
- 18. The Lord's call is not up for discussion or questioning.
- 19. When the Lord calls us through His word, He means business.
- 20. The gospel has the power to change people's lives.
 - a. From evil to good.
 - b. From immorality to morality.
 - c. From defeat to victory.
 - d. From enslavement to freedom.
 - e. From discouragement to meaningfulness.
 - f. From barrenness to fruitfulness.
 - g. From weakness to power.
 - h. From hopelessness to assurance.

- i. From Satan's way to Christ's way.
- j. From what one is to what one can become.
- k. From darkness to life.
- I. From ignorance to knowledge.
- m. From death to life.
- n. From sorrow to joy.
- o. From despair to hope.
- p. From temporal to eternal.
- q. From insecurity to security.
- r. From instability to stability.
- s. From Misdirected to directed.
- t. From earthly to heavenly.
- 21. Paul proclaimed Christ to:
 - a. The small and the great.
 - b. The rich and the poor
 - c. The Jew and the Gentile.
 - d. The unknown and the known.
 - e. The ignorant and the intelligent.
 - f. The common citizens and the rulers.
 - g. Children and adults
- 22. In repentance one must give up the wrong in order to take up the right.
- 23. Like Paul, anyone can change. Like Paul, anyone can reach others for Christ.
- 24. God's will still provides us with the hope of the resurrection.
- 25. All people can have a share in God's inheritance, if they will but become a member of God's family.
- 26. Paul was risking his life for a message that was offensive to the Jews and unbelievable to the Gentiles. Are we will to do the same to the nations of the world?
- 27. To a worldly, materialistic mind, it seems insane to risk so much to gain what seems to be so little . . . Little do they know . . . Little do they know.
- 28. When one follows Christ, he soon discovers that life's most prized possessions cannot compare to even the smallest of God's eternal rewards.
- 29. We should strengthen our faith with the eyewitness accounts of those who saw our resurrected Lord. Romans 10:17 – "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

30. A sincere personal appeal to others may just what they need in order break through a hardened heart and to obey the gospel of Christ.