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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Telling Your Story

Acts 25 & 26

- I. Paul appears before Governor Festus (Acts 25)
  - A. Another plot to ambush and kill Paul (25:1-5).
  - B. More accusations and defense and Paul appeals to Caesar (25:6-12).
  - C. Festus discusses Paul's case with King Agrippa and his sister Bernice (25:13-22).
  - D. Festus introduces Paul to Herod (25:23-27)
  
- II. Paul appears before King Agrippa (Acts 26).
  - A. Paul tells his spiritual story to King Agrippa (26:1-23) [**How to share your testimony**]
    1. My Past before Christ (26:1-11)
      - *I am a Jew trained as a Pharisee, but now I believe Jesus is Messiah* (26:1-8).
      - *I persecuted Christians* (26:9-11).
    2. How I came to believe in Christ – *I met the risen Christ on the road to Damascus and put my faith in him* (26:12-18)!
      - Instructions from Jesus – ***Go tell people they can be released from Satan and be forgiven if they believe also!***
    3. My life since believing in Christ – *I must serve Christ telling the good news for which I am opposed* (26:19-23).
      - ***Our testimony is important only as it points to the importance of the cross.***
  - B. Festus calls Paul crazy (26:24-26).
  - C. Herod realizes Paul is trying to persuade him to believe in Christ (26:27-29).
  
- III. Herod, Bernice and Festus confer about Paul's innocence, but send him to Caesar (26:30-32).

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