

**My Wants vs My Needs: Self-Centeredness and the Gospel**  
**Acts 24:1-27**  
**November 28, 2021**

Asking self to leave the throne to God.

Devotions: recalibrating ourselves to the gospel.

Self fights against God.  
Christian living impossible.

Paul is on trial, again.

**The Accusation**

Why did Ananias show up at the trial?

Who was Tertullus?

**Rhetorical Flattery**

What was he really saying?

**The Political Case Against Paul**

Public disorder

Ringleader of the Nazarene sect.

Attempted to defile the Temple

**Paul's Defense**

I was only in Jerusalem for 12 days.

Not to riot, but to worship and to donate money.

Where are the Jews from Asia? My accusers?

It is all about the resurrection - now he turns to the gospel.

I have always lived in all good conscience before God and man.

**Felix's Decision**

The Case against Paul is weak, but politically complicated.

Felix - who was he?

His wives. His treachery.

Paul reasoned the gospel with them

Righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment.

Go away, I will call for you at a convenient time.

The gospel is the thing not to be missed or neglected.