

## **A Convenient Faith**

Acts 24:24-27

### **A. Things Are Seldom What They Seem**

1. We see events and experiences from an earthly point of view.
2. God sees everything from a heavenly point of view. (1 Cor. 2:14-16)
3. Paul, imprisoned in Caesarea, stands before Governor Felix & his wife Drusilla.
4. Paul stood before Felix, but Felix was really before Paul. The roles reverse.
5. Paul would share heaven's message authority & conviction.
6. Felix had a rare opportunity to hear the truth of the gospel from a faithful witness.
7. The response of the judge would determine his eternal destiny
8. Yet he delays his decision—choosing comfort & convenience over conviction.

### **B. Felix the Man (v. 24)**

1. Antonius Felix was appointed governor of Judea, by Claudius Caesar.
2. There are not many good things to say about Felix
  - a. He was an unprincipled, ungodly, scheming politician
  - b. He had his own version of "Murder, Inc.," to eliminate his enemies
3. What about Drusilla?
  - a. She was the youngest and most beautiful daughter of King Agrippa I.
  - b. She had married King Azizus but was lured from him by Felix.
4. Paul, the prisoner, found himself standing before two guilty people.
5. When Paul spoke, he had a message to change the governor's life.
6. Felix curiosity was stirred with interest in the Gospel (see v.24)
7. He had heard of Paul and the controversy surrounding him.
8. He wanted to hear more—but was it for entertainment or personal benefit?
9. Drusilla's background as a Jewess meant she was familiar with the Scriptures.
10. She was likely brought in to interpret or challenge Paul's message.
11. This is a reminder that many are curious about Jesus but not committed to Him.
12. Interest is not enough—truth demands a response.

### **C. Paul's Message to Felix (v. 25)**

1. A confronting message of truth (v.25a)
2. Paul preached confronting message of truth boldly not to please, but to convict.
3. "As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come..."
4. A timely message for Felix & Drusilla.
5. Known for corruption, cruelty, and lust.
6. Drusilla had left her husband to be with Felix.
7. Paul confronted their sin in light of God's coming judgment.
8. The gospel is not always comfortable—but it is necessary.
9. True preaching addresses sin and the call to repentance.
10. Paul's good Baptist 3-point sermon, straight from God to the governor.

11. Point one: Righteousness – God’s standard of holiness.
  - a. We are all without it (Rom. 3:23).
  - b. Our man-made righteousness is as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6).
  - c. Our only hope of righteousness is through faith (Rom. 4:3).
12. Point two: temperance (self-control)
  - a. This is essential in a corrupt, immoral culture.
  - b. This word used three times in the Bible: Here, Gal 5:23; & 2 Peter 1:6.
  - c. Felix was a controller out of control;
  - d. He was interested in controlling others, not himself.
  - e. Christ offers self-control to those who can't control their lusts and habits
13. Point three: Judgment to come – A warning of future accountability.
  - a. What courage! Paul told the judge that he would someday be judged.
  - b. We all need to face this truth and prepare for its fulfillment (Heb. 9:27).

**D. Felix and His Mistake (v. 25)**

1. Felix trembled as Paul finished his message.
2. God was at work in his heart, convicting him of sin, a moment of opportunity.
3. He was convicted, troubled in conscience.
4. But instead of repentance, his fear led him to postpone any decision.
5. *“A more convenient time...”* That time never came. Felix chose to procrastinate
6. Procrastination is a dangerous spiritual trap.
7. Conviction is a gift to be acted upon; Delaying hardens the heart (Heb 3:7–8).
8. We also see a corrupted motive being revealed (v.26); money, not salvation
9. Though intrigued, his heart was still ruled by greed.
10. He talked with Paul often—but never truly listened.
11. A tragic example of a heart distracted by the world
12. How many attend church but seek personal gain, comfort, or approval?
13. Spiritual openness can be fake if selfish motives dominate.
14. Beware of treating the gospel as a tool, not a treasure.
15. We see a missed opportunity and hardened heart (v.27)
16. Two years—no change - despite many conversations, Felix remained unmoved.
17. He chose political manoeuvring over eternal truth, popularity over justice.
18. The final tragedy is that we never hear of Felix repenting or believing.
19. He had his chance—and missed it.

**E. Conclusion: What Lessons Do We Learn From Felix**

1. Spiritual curiosity must lead to commitment.
2. The gospel calls us to righteousness, self-control, and readiness for judgment.
3. When God speaks, respond with repentance and faith in Christ.
4. Today is the day of salvation (2 Cor 6:2). Don’t be like Felix, who said, “Later.”
5. Has God been speaking to you about getting right with him?
6. There will never be a more convenient time to be saved.