

Introduction: Consider the attitudes of Festus, Paul, and Agrippa.

- A. The Bible is filled with stories of people who were "almost" where the needed to be.
- B. King Agrippa was "almost" a Christian.
- C. Many people today are blessed by hearing the Gospel, feel the Spirit, but walk away from being saved.

I. Almost and the truth

- A. The testimony of the scriptures; Paul told Agrippa the Word of God.
 - 1. The Bible reveals the glory of God and the sinfulness of man.
 - 2. The Bible is a mirror, James 1:23; a sharp two-edged sword, Heb. 4:12; a hammer, Jer. 23:29; a fire, Jer. 23:29; and a powerful book, Rom. 10:17.
- B. The testimony of the saints
 - 1. Paul told Agrippa how to be saved, Acts 26:24.
 - 2. Agrippa was brought to "almost" believing.
 - 3. Moses made a bronze snake for the Israelites to see, Num. 21, to heal them from venomous snakes.
 - 4. Many looked to Jesus by faith and were saved, Isa. 45:22; Acts 16:31.
- C. The testimony of the Savior, Acts 26:23, 26b
 - 1. Agrippa takes Paul to Calvary to remind Paul of the price Jesus paid; the reminder "almost" brings Agrippa to Jesus.
 - 2. Can you comprehend the truth of what Jesus endured? Rom. 5:8

II. Almost and the traps

- A. The power of sin, Acts 25:23, Bernice, Agrippa's sister
 - 1. You must be willing to see your sins the way they are and repent of your sins to come to Jesus, Luke 13:3.
 - 2. No one, no thing, and no pleasure is worth going to Hell over, Mark 8:36-38.
- B. The Power of self; Agrippa's self kept him from Jesus.
 - 1. He was concerned about his position: Jews and Roman superiors would turn against him.
 - 2. He was concerned about his pride; he would have lost favor with Festus.
 - 3. He was concerned about the price: Agrippa would lose everything; he valued in his life.
 - 4. Agrippa wouldn't believe because he did not want to believe. He could not be saved. John 8:24, John 3:18, 1 John 5:12

III. Almost and the tragedies: Agrippa walks out on Paul.

- A. Almost always leads to destruction, Acts 26:2. Agrippa's salvation would have changed Israel.
- B. Almost always leads to damnation. By not coming to Jesus, the Lord will say "I never knew you."

Conclusion: Don't be "almost" there.

- A. Know Jesus
- B. Acknowledge your desire to be free of your sins and to be saved.
- C. Admit your sins, your pride, and your objections and come to Jesus now.