



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ WEDNESDAY

THF Student Ministry - Summer Nights

6:30pm-8:30pm — Drop off at THF & Pick up at Jan Jennings Park

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men's Ministry - Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

August 9 - Family Swim Night

July 5, 2026

Please continue to check all
of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to
weekly activities and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

June 28, 2026

BUDGET GIVING: \$9,246.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$19,902.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$458,099.29

BUDGET NEEDS: \$506,080.00

Acts | 23:6-23:35

THE HAND OF PROVIDENCE

"The Christian life is not a playground; it is a battleground, and we must be on our guard at all times." -Warren Wiersbe

¹ Be gracious to me, O God, for man has atrampled upon me; Fighting all day long he oppresses me. ² My foes have atrampled upon me all day long, For they are many who fight proudly against me. ³ When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me.

Psalm 56:1-4

PAUL IS IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE OF THE GREATEST TRIALS OF HIS LIFE...

- He had come to Jerusalem to provide **RELIEF** and **AID**
- He had been **MISREPRESENTED** by both Jews and Romans
 - The Jews had tried to kill him **TWICE**
 - He had been **ARRESTED** by the Romans
- He was **ACCUSED** of being anti- Jewish people, anti - Law of Moses, and anti - Temple

PAPER 22:22-29 PAUL HAD THE 'PAPER' TO AVOID SCOURGING

Lysias ordered Paul to be examined (interrogated) by SCOURGING
Paul asks **ONE** question: "Is it lawful to scourge a man who is Roman and uncondemned?"

The question **HALTED** the entire process vv25-26

He finds out Paul was born a **ROMAN CITIZEN** vv27-28

The finding **REDIRECTED** the process v29

ROCK 22:30-23:5 PAUL THREW A ROCK AND HAD TO WALK IT BACK

- Lysias convened an informal meeting with the SANHEDRIN
This is the last of FIVE TIMES the Sanhedrin was presented with the CLAIMS OF JESUS
- Paul's defense was **INTERRUPTED** with a **BEATING** from the High Priest
- Paul threw a **VERBAL ROCK** (rebuke) back at Ananias v3
- Paul knew he **MESSED UP** and **OWNED** it v5

SCISSORS 23:6-10

- Paul focused on the **central point** of the faith: THE RESURRECTION
- He appealed to the **PHARISEE** part of the Sanhedrin
- This theological point **DIVIDED** the assembly **saducee v pharisee**
- The divide was so great, Lysias had to **RESCUE PAUL A THIRD TIME!**

Note: Scripture records Pharisees who became Christians (Jn 3:1;Acts 15:5) but no Saducees are ever mentioned



REASSURANCE 23:11

But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, "Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also." Acts 23:11 **COMFORT-COMMENDATION-COMMISSION**

Jesus brought Paul 4 Encouragements -

- PAUL IS GOING TO NEED ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT HE CAN GET BECAUSE THINGS WERE ABOUT TO GET REALLY BAD FOR HIM**
- ① I **KNOW** you!
 - ② I am **WITH** you!
 - ③ I am **FOR** you!
 - ④ I am not **DONE WITH YOU!**

One of Those Places LIKE BOOK OF ESTHER vv12-35 contain no doctrinal truth, no practical teaching, or no commands. God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit are named. YET - While the NAME of God is missing the FINGERPRINTS of God are everywhere.

THE PLOT vv12-15

THE PROVISION vv16-22

THE PROTECTION vv23-32

THE PURPOSE vv33-35

THINGS WE CAN TAKE HOME

1. God's **PROVIDENCE** is not in the absence of trouble...it is in the middle of trouble.
2. Use your **POSITION** as a **PLATFORM** for God's **PURPOSES**.
3. Trust in the **PROVIDENCE** of God when you cannot tell the **PRESENCE** of God.
4. God is in charge of **ALL** people in all places.

Sometimes God delivers His children through the simple word of a young relative. Sometimes He has to call the cavalry. At all times **HE IS IN CHARGE!** - Kenneth Gangel