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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### The Promise of God's Presence

Acts 22:30-23:35

- I. God gives us wisdom when we are put on the spot: Paul appeared before the Sanhedrin (Acts 22:30-23:10).
  - A. An apology: Paul apologized for reacting harshly to the high priest (23:1-5).
  - B. A diversion: Paul brought up the doctrine of resurrection to divide the Pharisees and Sadducees (23:6-9).
  - C. Paul was rescued from their conflict and returned safely to the barracks (23:10).
- II. God encourages us when we are discouraged: Jesus appeared to Paul in prison assuring him of God's good plan (Acts 23:11).

**Experiencing God's Presence**

1. Be encouraged because I am always with you (Acts 23:11a; Hebrews 13:5-6).
2. I am with you to perfectly fulfill MY purposes in your life (Acts 23:11b; Matthew 28:20).
3. To experience My presence, meditate on My word and obey it (Joshua 1:8-9).

- III. God protects us when we are threatened: God exposed a plot against Paul and got him safely to Caesarea (Acts 23:12-35).
  - A. God used Paul's nephew to foil a plot to kill Paul (23:12-25).
  - B. The commander provided Paul safe passage to Governor Felix in Caesarea (23:26-35).