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Theme "Courageous Christians in 2023!" Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40; Sunday AM: 50 Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30 Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget Invitations: 130 Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana Hold A Men's Training Class Hold One Gospel Meeting -Like us on Facebook-View us on YouTube at Clarksvillechurch Adam Morris & Ron Thompson, Jr. will be preaching today. We are on week # 23 of our daily Bible reading.

Goals For 2023

Prayer List Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseann's sis) Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson Gene Ward & Beth McFarland Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill Debbie Lewellen. Cathie Hall THIS MONTH: Examples of Courage: Paul Acts 21:10-14 Who Have You Invited To Services This week? Lord's Supper Reading Luke 22:14-22 Scripture Reading AM: Eccl. 3:20-23 PM: Acts 20:22-25 Encouragement Tally Invites this month: 0 Invites last month: 8 Visitors YTD: 10 Place Stamp Here

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| | Favorites |
| Welcome! If you're visiting with us today, we want you to | Psalm 23 |
| feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all | Ecclesiastes 3 |
| we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. | Romans 8: 35-39 |
| Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The | Romans 5:7-8 |
| truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore | Notes: |
| we hope you'll appreci- ate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse | |
| from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here | |
| today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. | |
| 4:11. <u>VISITORS</u> Please fill out a visi- | |
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June 4, 2023

Adam Morris

| Courage of Saul of Tarsus | | |
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| Who Was Saul? | | |
| What Happened to Saul? | | |
| What Did He Do? | | |
| How Can We Gain Courage from Paul's Life? | | |
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We are accustomed to thinking of the apostle Paul as a person who was willing to endure extreme hardship for Christ. He said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13 NKJV). We would do well to adopt his attitude. But Paul did not see his sufferings simply as hardships to be endured — he saw them as opportunities to honor Christ and influence others by that honor. No matter what happened, Paul was always looking for a way to exalt the Lord. To the Philippians he wrote, "I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:19,20).

One of the very interesting examples of Christ being honored in Paul's life is found in Ac. 16:25–34, the story of the conversion of the jailer in Philippi. Having been beaten and thrown into prison, Paul and Silas chose to maintain their faith and exhibit their gratitude, rather than feel sorry for themselves. The text says that "about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them" (v.25). Suddenly a great earthquake shook the prison, the doors were flung open, and all the prisoners' chains were loosed. Assuming that his prisoners had escaped, the jailer was about to take his life, but Paul assured him that all were safe and urged him to do himself no harm. "And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' " (vv.29,30). Immediately he and his household were instructed in obedience to the gospel of Christ, and in the same hour of the night, they were baptized. The result was great joy. "And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God" (v.34). How different this story might have been had Paul and Silas not conducted themselves in prison with such courage and joy.

So we need to be reminded of this truth: *faith in the midst of suffering is a great* example we can give to others. All of us face hardships in life — let's handle them in a way that sets a good example.

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