

**Family Talk – Protection**

**READ TOGETHER**

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**Acts 23**

*"That night the Lord appeared to Paul and said, "Be encouraged, Paul. Just as you have been a witness to me here in Jerusalem, you must preach the Good News in Rome as well."*

1. Paul was in a dangerous situation. The religious leaders wanted to harm him. Have you ever been in a situation that you knew would be extremely difficult?
2. How do you think Paul felt as people were questioning and yelling at him? Some wanted him hurt, but others wanted his life to end.

**LIVE IT**

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Then God says to Paul, *"Be encouraged, Paul."* ...but you still have to go to Rome.

Here's a real example of what that looks like today. A man only 20-years-old learned he had cancer. He began to fear what was going to happen. After the surgery to remove his cancerous tumor, he began therapies to ensure cancer didn't spread. He prayed that God's will be done.

A nurse asked him how he would feel if he lost this battle and eventually his life. Fear no longer held him captive! He responded, *I know where I am going if I die, but I feel like God is showing me He has more for me.*

Are you filled with courage knowing that whatever difficult situation you face, God has You and the outcome in His hands?

**LEAN ON GOD**

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Lord,

Give me the courage to walk in Your confidence and trust that You know what's best for me.

In Jesus Name,  
Amen

