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**Unbreakable:**  
When  
**GOD'S**  
Plan Meets Your Storm  
Acts 23:11-22 (ESV)

**St. John**  
Baptist Church  
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## Sermon Notes

Acts 23:11–22 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.” <sup>12</sup> When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. <sup>13</sup> There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. <sup>14</sup> They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. <sup>15</sup> Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near.” <sup>16</sup> Now the son of Paul’s sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. <sup>17</sup> Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him.” <sup>18</sup> So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said, “Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you.” <sup>19</sup> The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, “What is it that you have to tell me?” <sup>20</sup> And he said,

“The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. <sup>21</sup> But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent.” <sup>22</sup> So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, “Tell no one that you have informed me of these things.”

**(Answer key located on the last page)**

Today's Sermon Series: Acts 23 has a message for you —  
You are not \_\_\_\_\_ . God is (Three truths follow)

**I. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Calms the Storm.**

God did not show up in the morning — He showed up at \_\_\_\_\_ .

The command 'Take courage' is not a suggestion — it means:  
To be \_\_\_\_\_ in heart.

God's promise: Paul 'must' testify in Rome. That word 'must' mean it is \_\_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_\_ appointed.


What God \_\_\_\_\_ , no human conspiracy can cancel.

**APPLICATION:**

This week: Before you reach for your phone, cry out to God first. Then open your Bible to Acts 23:11 or Psalm 46:1.

**II. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Cannot Be Stopped.**

Two completely different plans: God said Paul WILL testify in Rome. Forty men said Paul will NEVER \_\_\_\_\_ .

 Key Truth: The conspirators had a \_\_\_\_\_. But God had a \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ always outlasts \_\_\_\_\_.

**APPLICATION:**


This week: Identify the one thing in your life that feels like a wrong turn. Write it down and write Proverbs 19:21 beside it.

My 'wrong turn':

\_\_\_\_\_

**III. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Works in Hidden Ways.**

Providence is not magic. It is not coincidence. Providence is God quietly, invisibly, \_\_\_\_\_ arranging the ordinary details of life to accomplish His extraordinary purposes.

 Key Truth: God is never \_\_\_\_\_ working. He has already positioned a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ that you don't even know about yet.

**APPLICATION:**

This week: For 7 days, write down one thing that could easily be called a coincidence. At the end of the week, look back. What you call coincidence on Monday — by Sunday you might call it: God!

**COMMITMENT**

In response to this message, I commit to:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Answer Key

alone| **POINT I — God's PRESENCE** | Night | bold (strong) | Necessary and divinely | Plans |

**POINT II — God's PLAN**  
| Paul will NEVER: See Rome alive  
| plan | purpose | purpose | plans |

**POINT III — God's PROVIDENCE** | Sovereignly | NOT | word | moment | person | God

### The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

### The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
(Romans 3:23)

### The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

### The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23a)

### Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

**Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

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