

# Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Living Sent: The Book of Acts  
Title: A Divine Holding Pattern  
Text: Acts 24:1-25:12

Introduction

I. Paul's persistence while waiting

II. Paul's boldness while waiting

II. Paul's wisdom while waiting

My Response

## Order of Worship

\*Please Stand  
All Songs CCLI # 1399831

**Prelude** (*Preparing Our Hearts for Worship*)

**Welcome and Call to Worship\***

Psalm 63:1-4

**Song of Praise\***

**Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

*Our God, You reign forever, our hope, our Strong Deliverer  
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary (first time back to verse)*

You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession\***

**Songs of Assurance\***

**Jesus Messiah**

He became sin, who knew no sin, that we might become His Righteousness  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

**Chorus** *Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of All*

His body the bread, His blood the wine; Broken and poured out, all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing (*chorus*)

**Refrain** *All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world (chorus)*

### **Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's Name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder; He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us near to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord our strong Salvation, Holds in view the conqueror's crown:  
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood; Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky:  
You have washed us with Your blood; You have washed us with Your blood;  
You have washed us with Your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!

### **Confessing Our Faith Together\***

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,† the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Meaning that Christ took upon himself the full wrath of God for our sins on the cross.

† Meaning the "universal" church made up of all true believers in Jesus Christ.

### **Let the Little Children Come**

*(Children PreK-2nd grade may exit for Ambassador Kids afterwards)*

### **Moment for Ministry**

Vacation Bible School

Rachel Kennedy, Director of Children's Ministry

### **Hearing God's Word**

Acts 24:22-25:12

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Message from God's Word**

Acts 24:1-25:12

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### **Hymn of Response/Offering our Gifts to God\***

#### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

**Chorus** *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *(chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(chorus)*

### **Benediction\***

Ephesians 3:20-21

*Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary after the worship service to pray with you should you have any special needs or requests.*

*To honor our volunteers, we kindly ask parents to pick up your children from the Kingdom Kids areas immediately after the service. Please have your pick-up sticker ready.*

*Children's bulletins and activity bags are provided at the back of the sanctuary for children during the service. Encourage your child to utilize these resources as needed rather than using the visitor cards in the seat pockets. Help us keep those available for visiting families. Please keep any pages you like, then return the bag to the table after the service. Thank you!*