# ACTS UNHINDERED

## Acts 25-26

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"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

- Romans 8:1-2

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2. Unapologetic and Unchanged – Paul/Disciples "I am speaking true and rational words ... I speak boldly."

3. Unseen and Unhindered – God's Working "...a certain Jesus ... Why is it thought incredible that God raises the dead?"

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Weak self-justifying Opposition

- condemns others to approve self

Weak self-justifying Position

- uses others to advance self

### 2. Unapologetic and Unchanged - Paul/Disciples

"I am speaking true and rational words ... I speak boldly."

"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me."

- 1 Corinthians 4:3-4

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Strong Christ-justified Opposition

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"Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-more than that, who was raised-- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

- Romans 8:33-35

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"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation."

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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#### 3. Unseen and Unhindered – God's Working

"...a certain Jesus ... Why is it thought incredible that God raises the dead?"

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

- John 3:17-18

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