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LOVING



GROWING



SENDING

Acts 26



1. Standing Tall

- faithful obedience, especially amidst opposition, is not easily dismissed because it is God's work
- Paul is **God's** ambassador, bringing **God's** message to people **God** has brought

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1. Standing Tall

- live by what you know, not according to what others make you feel

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2. Speaking Smart

- 1st major speech (Acts 13) to Jews
- 2nd major speech (Acts 17) to Gentiles
- 3rd major speech (Acts 22) to Jews
- 4th major speech (Acts 26) to Gentiles
 - ↳ AND to a Gentile who knew much of Judaism & the OT – Agrippa (26:3)

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- cf. Moses' calling in Exodus 3 to Acts 26
 - ↳ name used 2x
 - ↳ question about divine identity
 - ↳ God self identifies
 - ↳ commission

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- a) *Paul's message* is consistent with OT prophecy
- b) *Paul's calling* is as authoritative as OT prophets
- c) *Paul's work* continues that of the Servant of the Lord

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2. Speaking Smart

“What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

(2 Timothy 2:2 ESV)

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3. Sanity's Plea

- Paul spoke with expectation

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