

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 22 12-21



Come, my children and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Psalm 34:11

Praising:

Speak, Lord, in the stillness,
speak your word to me;
help me now to listen
in expectancy.

Reading:

Acts 22:11-21
What the Lord said to Paul

Paul shares with the crowd the specific message God has given directly to him. Having returned Paul to sight, Ananias had spoken unambiguously of the call God was making on Paul's life, the call both to know the divine will and to bear witness to it. Paul then relates his experience of praying in the temple. In that location so sacred and central to Judaism, Christ had come to Paul in a vision and told him to flee the city because its people would not believe his testimony. Paul had

insisted to Jesus that the people of Jerusalem knew Paul of old as an enthusiastic persecutor of Christians, the one who had held the coats for those stoning Stephen. Christ's response was to send Paul to the Gentiles. How will the crowd respond now, having heard Paul's highly personal claims?

Listening:

Praying:

Open our hearts Lord to hear you speaking

- through the Scriptures, your living word of truth and wisdom
- through the Church, the preaching and teaching of your apostles down the ages
- through the silence, our time alone with you when you whisper to us in the stillness

Father: in these times when I draw aside with you, help me believe that you want to speak with me, that you have something to say to me, that there is something you need me to hear. Amen

Doing:

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