

## **What We Hope People Will Become**

### **Acts 26:22-29**

<sup>22</sup> I stand and testify to both small and great, saying nothing else than what the prophets and Moses said would take place— <sup>23</sup> that the Messiah must suffer, and that as the first to rise from the dead, He would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles.”

<sup>24</sup> As he was making his defense this way, Festus exclaimed in a loud voice, “You’re out of your mind, Paul! Too much study is driving you mad!”

<sup>25</sup> But Paul replied, “I’m not out of my mind, most excellent Festus. On the contrary, I’m speaking words of truth and good judgment. <sup>26</sup> For the king knows about these matters. It is to him I am actually speaking boldly. For I am convinced that none of these things escapes his notice, since this was not done in a corner. <sup>27</sup> King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Are you going to persuade me to become a Christian so easily?”

<sup>29</sup> “I wish before God,” replied Paul, “that whether easily or with difficulty, not only you but all who listen to me today might become as I am—except for these chains.”

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