

*Almost
Persuaded*



Acts 26:27-29

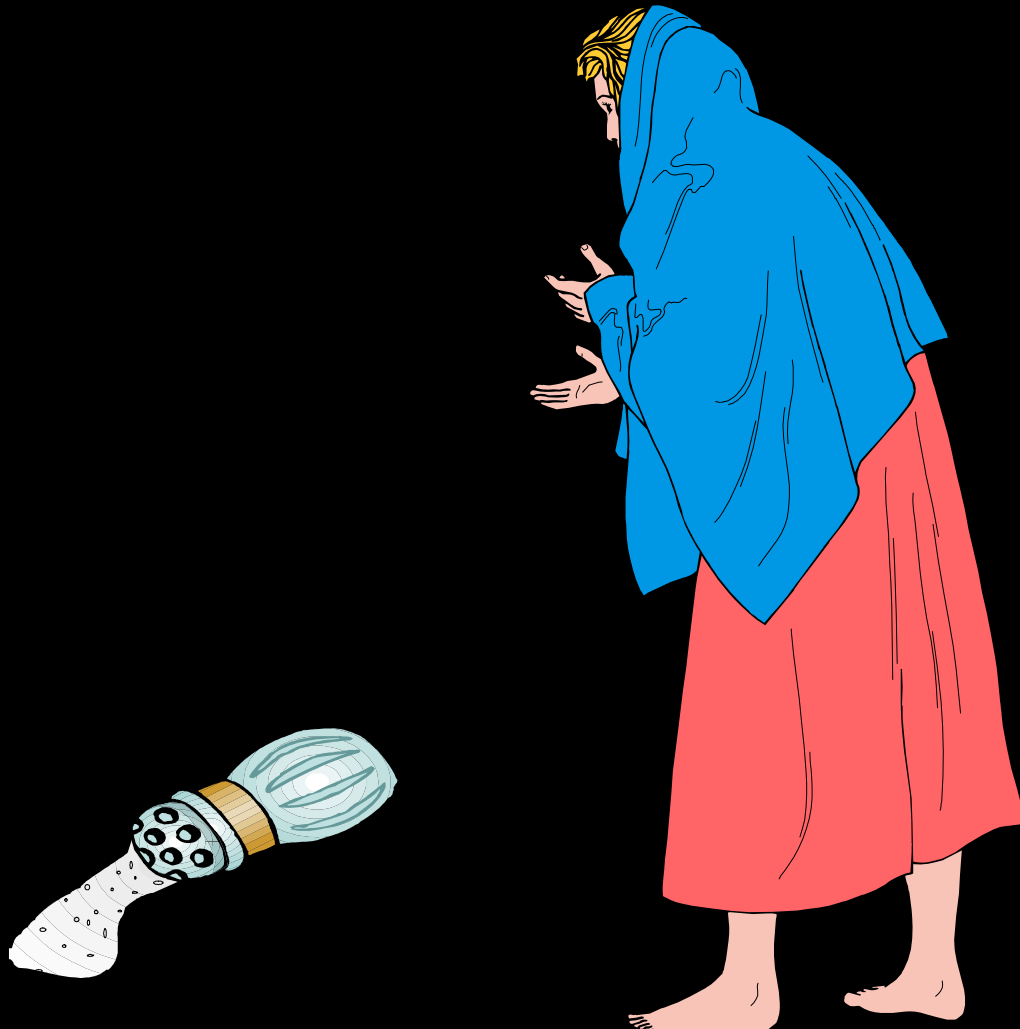
“King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.”

King Agrippa: Almost, But Lost

- Agrippa knew & believed the facts about Jesus
- A faith not obeyed is dead, (*James 2:26*)
- Even the demons believe (*James 2:19*)
- Rulers would not confess Jesus (*John 12:42*)
- If we know the truth & continue in sin, we have no hope (*Hebrews 10:26-31*)
- “*God be thanked that though you were slaves to sin, you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.*” (*Romans 6:17*)

LOT'S WIFE

(Genesis 19:15-26)



LOT'S WIFE:

Evil Influence Overcomes Good

- “Looked back”, refers to longing look-desire
- Despite the evil in Sodom, it was her home.
- Evil relationship corrupt us (*1 Corinthians 15:33*)
- *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap.”*
(*Galatians 6:7*)
- *“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.”* (*Proverbs 4:14-15*)

RICH YOUNG RULER

(Luke 18:18-23)



RICH YOUNG RULER: Desired Materialism Over Salvation

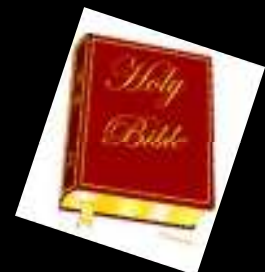
- Rich ruler wanted salvation, but not enough
- *“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Timothy 6:7-10)*

FELIX (*Acts 24:24-27*)



FELIX: Fearful, But Delayed

- Felix was moved by first hearing of gospel
 - Delay made his heart grow cold to truth
- No assurance of tomorrow (*James 4:13-17*)
- Procrastination shows our priorities
 - *“Follow me...first, go bury my father” (Luke 9:59)*
 - *“Follow me...first, go bid them farewell” (Luke 9:61)*
- Rejection of truth comes from a closed mind
 - *“some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.” (Acts 28:24)*



Am I “Almost” or “Altogether” Persuaded To Obey Christ ?

- Has love for sin caused me to be ALMOST PERSUADED?
- Has pursuit of earthly things caused me to ALMOST PERSUADED?
- Has waiting for a “more convenient time” cause me to be ALMOST PERSUADED?
- Has relationships with others hindered caused me to be ALMOST PERSUADED?

***COUNT THE COST,
ARE YOU READY?***

Luke 14:26-33

Material Things

Hardship

Family

Everything

Count the Cost

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Persuaded*

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