

Acts of the Apostles 23:1–10 (NLT)

That night the Lord appeared to Paul and said, “Be encouraged, Paul. Just as you have been a witness to me here in Jerusalem, you must preach the Good News in Rome as well.”

Acts of the Apostles 23:11 (NLT)

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN YOU’RE STUCK BETWEEN REALITY AND THE DREAM

1. WHY IS THIS _____?

Four possible causes

- _____ - Response: _____

*When I tried to figure it out, all I got was a splitting headache... Until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture. **Psalm 73:16–17 (MSG)***

2. WHAT CAN I _____?

*For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! **2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)***

*We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. **Romans 5:3–4 (NLT)***

3. HOW SHOULD I _____?

1. _____

- *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **Philippians 4:6 (NIV)***

- *We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. **2 Corinthians 1:8–11 (NIV)***

2. Find strength in _____

- *When it was decided that we would sail for Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were handed over to a centurion named Julius, who belonged to the Imperial Regiment. **Acts 27:1 (NIV)***
- *God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing... **Psalms 68:6 (NIV)***

3. Remember that your circumstances _____

- *And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” **Luke 1:34–37 (ESV)***

ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?