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<u>SECTION A</u> 甲部

- Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好!
- It is a great joy for us to know that you are listening to this broadcast; 非常高兴你能收听这个节目;
- and it would absolutely thrill us to hear from you, either by mail or through the Internet. 当你写信或通过网路和我们联系的时候,都 会让我们无比地激动。
- 4. One of the hardest lessons for us to learn is this: 对我们来说最难学的功课就是:
- how to turn a negative situation into a positive environment; 如何将负面的困境转换为积极的环境;
- how to turn an oppressive environment into an opportunity; 如何将一个难以忍受的境况变成一个机会;
- how to act lovingly toward a critical person, 如何友善地对待责难你的人,
- especially when you receive false criticism; 特别是你遭受诬蔑的时候;
- because false criticism is not only dangerous for those who are being criticized, 因为诬蔑不仅对被诬蔑的一方是有危害的,
- 10. it is even more dangerous to the critical person. 其实对诬蔑别人的人危害更大。
- False criticism creates a poisonous atmosphere for everyone; 诬蔑别人会在群体中形成有害的气氛;
- 12. because when you nurture the critical spirit, 因为当你不断地酝酿着批评的心态,
- you will foster gossip and backbiting; 你也就是在鼓励说闲话和背后中伤;
- and here's something about critical people that you must remember. 你一定要记住,那些喜欢批评别人的人,

- Critical people are often suspicious and paranoid. 常常是多疑的和喜欢妄想的。
- 16. They listen to the truth of the Word of God, 他们听到圣经所讲的真理,
- 17. but they never apply it to themselves. 但他们从来不用在自己身上。
- They always think that the message is for somebody else.
 他们总是认为那些信息是讲给别人听的。
- In fact, a critical spirit is nothing short of slander; 事实上,这种好批评的心态,毫不逊色于诽 谤;
- **20.** and slander will not glorify God. 而诽谤他人是不荣耀神的。
- Today, I want to talk to you about turning the opposition, or false criticism, into an opportunity for glorifying God.
 今天,我想告诉你怎样将敌对的或遭受诬蔑的情形,变成一个荣耀神的机会。
- Please turn with me, if you have a Bible, to Acts, Chapter 21. 如果你手上有圣经,请跟我一起翻到使徒行 传 21 章。
- We are going to see an example of turning a negative environment of false criticism into a positive spirit;
 我们会看到一个实例,如何把一个遭受诬蔑的负面境况变成一种积极乐观的心态;
- 24. and, next to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul is a master of turning oppression into opportunity.
 除了主耶稣基督以外,使徒保罗是一位能将 困境变为转机的高手。
- In the last part of Chapter 21, 在 21 章的结束的部分,
- when the enemies of the Gospel saw the Apostle Paul walking in the Temple, 当敌对福音的人看到使徒保罗走进圣殿中,

- they saw an opportunity to make mischief. 他们看到了一个制造麻烦的机会。
- They began to stir up rumors among the pilgrims who were celebrating the Feast of Pentecost; 他们开始在庆祝五旬节的百姓中散布谣言;
- and they stirred up this trouble by falsely accusing the Apostle Paul. 他们通过中伤保罗来挑起事端。
- **30.** These false accusations were three in number. 对保罗的诬告共有三点。
- 31. First, 第一,
- 32. they said Paul was an enemy of God's people. 他们说保罗是神国子民的敌人。
- I want to show you how blatantly false this criticism is. 我想让你明白这种诬蔑是何等地无理。
- Remember that Paul was once a persecutor of the church, 不要忘了,保罗曾是一个迫害教会的人,
- but he was saved from eternal damnation;
 但他从永恒的咒诅中被拯救出来;
- and, in every Epistle, he thanks God for his salvation.
 并且,在他写的每一卷书信中,都感谢神对 他的救恩。
- 37. It is the most incredible thing that has happened to him;这是发生在他身上的最不可思议的变化;
- and he writes to the Romans, saying, 他在写给罗马教会的书信中说到:
- 39. "If ending up in Hell would help save my fellow countrymen, then I am willing to do it."
 "为我弟兄,我骨肉之亲,就是自己被咒 诅,与基督分离,我也愿意。"
- 40. Now, I want you to visualize this. 我想让你想象这幅图画。
- Paul, who was ready to be damned for eternity for the sake of his fellow countrymen, 为了同胞的缘故,保罗情愿在永恒中承受咒 诅,
- 42. gets accused of being an enemy of his own people.现在,他被自己的同胞当作敌人。
- It's mind-boggling; 真是令人难以置信;

- 44. and the second false accusation was this: 第二个诬蔑是:
- 45. they said, "Paul is opposed to the Law of Moses."他们说: "保罗违背了摩西的律法。"
- 46. Now, this was a very serious charge, 这是一项非常严重的指控,
- Especially on the Day of Pentecost, when all the pilgrims were there in support of the Law. 特别是在五旬节期间,所有的百姓都聚在一 起维护律法的时候。
- 48. The third false accusation was this: 第三个诬蔑是:
- 49. they said that the Apostle Paul spoke against the Temple.他们说使徒保罗的言语冒犯了圣殿。
- Again, the accusation of defiling the Temple is very serious.
 同样,污秽圣殿也是一项非常严重的指控。
- 51. It is a capital crime. 这是一项死罪。
- 52. In fact, Mark, Chapter 14, 事实上, 在马可福音 14 章中,
- 53. the Lord Jesus Christ is accused of speaking against the Temple;
 主耶稣也被指控为言语冒犯圣殿;
- 54. and what did they do to substantiate their claim?那么这些人又是如何来证实他们的指控呢?
- 55. They said Paul brought Gentiles into the Temple;
 他们说保罗把外邦人带进圣殿;
- 56. but there was a section in the Temple designated for Gentiles.
 其实圣殿有一个区域是专门为外邦人预备的。
- 57. It is called the "Court of Gentiles," 它被称作"外邦人院",
- 58. and that's exactly where Paul took the Greeks whom he brought with him. 而这正是保罗和他所带来的希腊人停留的地方。
- 59. They were sitting in the Court of the Gentiles. 他们当时就坐在外邦人院里。
- 60. My listening friend, false accusations bear no logic.我亲爱的朋友, 诬蔑是不合逻辑的。

- False accusations fabricate the evidence. 诬蔑往往编造证据。
- False accusations have only one intent, and that is to stir up trouble. 诬蔑只有一个目的,那就是挑起事端。
- 63. The focus of false criticism is vengeance; 诬蔑的焦点是复仇;
- 64. and false accusations spread like wildfire; 诬蔑就像野火一样到处蔓延;
- 65. and, here, in Acts 21, verse 30, 在使徒行传 21 章 30 节,
- the crowd worked itself into a frenzy 在群众中酝酿的骚乱已达到了颠狂的状态,
- 67. and the Temple guard seized the Apostle Paul; 看守圣殿的人拿住保罗;
- and, when the Roman captain, Lysias, comes in to talk to the Apostle Paul, 当罗马的千夫长吕西亚过来向保罗问话的时候,
- Paul gently speaks to him. 保罗的言语很温和。
- Paul understood that, in the midst of this frenzy of false criticism, 保罗明白在这种诬蔑的狂乱之中,
- there is no use in speaking harshly to your accusers. 与指控你的人硬碰硬地说话是不起作用的。
- Paul understood that, in the midst of inflamed emotions, no one is ready to hear the truth; 保罗明白在这种情绪激昂的时候,没有人听 得进真话;
- 73. so much so that the Roman captain did not even know who Paul was and what he was accused of;
 何况,罗马的千夫长甚至连保罗是谁,以及他为什么被指控都不知道;
- 74. so, finally, Paul begins to speak to the captain in perfect Greek language, 最后,保罗用流利的希腊语对千夫长说话,
- and the captain was shocked. 让千夫长大吃一惊。
- 76. Criminals in Jerusalem did not speak perfect Greek.
 耶路撒冷的罪犯一般都不会说流利的希腊 语。

- 77. Greek was a language reserved for the sophisticated and the highly educated;
 希腊语都是受过高等教育和上流社会所专用 的语言;
- and Lysias, the captain, could not believe his ears,
 因此千夫长吕西亚简直不能相信他的耳朵,
- that they are bringing accusation against this highly sophisticated man, 众人正在指控这个有高深学问的人,
- 80. because the Greek that Paul spoke was a very scholarly Greek;
 因为保罗所讲的希腊语,是知识份子所使用 的希腊语;
- and, at that moment, the captain looked at him and said, 在那一刻,千夫长看着保罗说:
- 82. "Are you not that Egyptian who stirred up trouble?""你莫非是从前作乱的埃及人吗?"
- 83. Why did Lysias ask this question? 为什么吕西亚要这么问呢?
- 84. Because, Josephus the historian tells us that, at that time, there was an Egyptian who was a self-proclaimed prophet;
 因为犹太史家约瑟夫告诉我们,在那个时候,有个自命为先知的埃及人;
- 85. and this man gathered together all of his followers on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem,
 这个人率领他的跟从者上了耶路撒冷附近的 橄榄山,
- 86. and he not only declared himself to be the Messiah, 他不仅自称是弥赛亚,
- 87. but he predicted that the walls of Jerusalem would fall at his command 而且还预言耶路撒冷城墙会随着他一声令下 而倒塌,
- and the Romans would be driven out;
 并且罗马人会被驱逐出去;
- but, before they could find out whether his prophecy was true or not, 可是,在人们能够验证他的预言是否属实之 前,

- 90. the Romans arrested and killed many of his followers and he, himself, disappeared;
 罗马人已抓住并杀害了很多他的跟从者,而他自己,也消失得无影无踪了;
- 91. so this is the story behind Lysias' question to Paul;
 这就是吕西亚问保罗这个问题的背景;
- 92. and Paul replied, 保罗回答说:
- 93. "I am not the Egyptian man. I am a Hebrew from Tarsus..."
 "我不是埃及人,我本是大数的希伯来 人……"
- 94. and, here, Paul turns the oppression of false criticism into an opportunity to testify.
 保罗在这里把遭受诬蔑的困境变成一个作见 证的机会。
- 95. Paul used the captain's authority to hush the crowds;保罗借用千夫长的权威让众人安静下来;
- 96. and, then, Paul switched into the Aramaic language;
 随后,他转用亚兰语;
- 97. and he began to testify of how he was a persecutor of Jesus Christ, 向众人见证他从前怎样迫害跟从耶稣基督的人,
- 98. and how he had an encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, 他又是怎样在大马色的路上遇见了复活的基 督,
- 99. and how he was commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the very Gospel that he once belittled. 以及他如何接受主耶稣基督的委派,来传讲 曾经被他藐视的福音。

<u>SECTION B</u> 乙部

- My listening friend, 我亲爱的朋友,
- there is nothing more diffusing to false criticism than the personal testimony. 没有什么比个人见证更能让虚假的诬蔑烟消 云散的。

- There is nothing more confounding to your critics than the truth as it is experienced by you. 也没有什么能比你亲身经历的事实更能动摇你的批评者。
- I want to summarize for you Paul's attitude toward his accusers.
 我想为你总结一下保罗对待控告他的人所持的态度。
- There are five principles of turning false criticism into an opportunity to testify in the name of Jesus Christ. 把遭受诬告转变为见证耶稣基督之名的机 会,这其中有五个原则。
- Principle number one, 第一个原则是,
- Paul saw the hand of God before he even got to Jerusalem. 保罗在他上耶路撒冷之前已看到神的作为。
- He was warned that there will be difficulties in Jerusalem, 早有人警告他,在耶路撒冷他会遇到重重困 难,
- but his full trust was in the Lord Jesus Christ; 但他完全地信靠主耶稣基督;
- and he said, "No matter what the circumstances are, I know that He holds me in the palms of His hands..." 他说: "不管环境如何,我知道神都会将我 放在祂的掌心之中……"
- and the second principle is this: 第二个原则是,
- Paul was able to see the positive in the midst of a negative environment. 保罗能在逆境中看到积极的一面。
- 13. While others would have panicked and said, "O, God, why are You doing this to me after all that I've done for You?" 普通人处于惊慌之中也许会说: "噢, 主 啊,我为你做了这么多,为什么你还要这样 对待我?"
- Paul probably thought to himself, "What an opportunity to testify to this captain and this government official! 而保罗可能在心里想: "这是一个多么好的 机会来对这位千夫长作见证!

- 15. I've never dreamed of having such a large crowd listening to my testifying.
 我连作梦都没想到会有这么多人来听我作见 证。
- What an opportunity!" 多么难得的机会啊!"
- 17. Then, Paul does something amazing. 接下来,保罗所作的更为奇妙。
- Even though his face was bleeding from being beaten, 虽然他的脸因为被打还在流血,
- he said, "I understand. 他说: "我明白。
- 20. You did this out of zeal for God..." 你们这样对我是出于你们对神的热心……"
- and, while everybody was being terrified, 当普通人还在恐惧之中的时候,
- the Apostle Paul was counting the blessings of his arrest.
 使徒保罗却能因被捕而数算神赐给他的福 分。
- While everybody else probably was running and hiding, 当普通人也许会逃避的时候,
- Paul was thanking God for the opportunity to testify. 保罗却感谢神给他作见证的机会。
- **25.** He saw the hand of God everywhere he went. 不管他去到哪里,他都能看到神的作为。
- He saw the positive in the midst of the negative; 保罗能在逆境中看到积极的一面;
- and the third principle is this:第三个原则是:
- 28. he spoke with respect to his persecutors, 他在言语上尊重控告他的人,
- Acts 22, verse 1. 使徒行传 22 章第1节。
- He addressed them as "fathers and brothers," 他称呼他们为"诸位父兄",
- as if to say, "All is forgiven.
 言下之意就是说: "你们所作的一切都被宽 恕了,
- I treat you with respect in spite of what you have done to me."
 不管你们怎样对我,我都会尊重你们。"

- 33. Paul told the Roman Christians in Romans, Chapter 12, verse 14, 在罗马书 12 章的 14 节,保罗告诉罗马的基督徒,
- 34. "Bless those who persecute you...""逼迫你们的要给他们祝福······"
- 35. and he practiced what he preached. 他做到了他所讲的。
- 36. The fourth principle is this: 第四个原则是:
- 37. he recognized an opportunity to lift up the name of Jesus.
 他意识到了这是一个机会,来高举耶稣之名。
- 38. That was the most important thing for him. 这对他来说是非常重要的。
- **39.** Did Paul focus on his impressive credentials? 保罗有没有看重自己显赫的身世呢?
- 40. No. 没有。
- He could have, and he had many credentials; 他本是可以的,而且他具有多重优越的身分;
- 42. and he could have said, "Let me tell you about me..."
 他可以对他们说: "让我告诉你,我是何许人……"
- 43. but, instead, he said, "Let me tell you about Jesus..."
 相反,他却说:"让我告诉你,耶稣是 谁……"
- 44. and he focused on what God had accomplished in his life. 他强调神在他生命中所成就的。
- 45. He dwelt on the glory of God. 他详述神的荣耀。
- 46. He preached what he told the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 1:31. 正如他在哥林多前书1章 31节中,告诉了 哥林多的信徒们。
- 47. "Let him who boasts boast on the Lord.""夸口的,当指着主夸口。"
- He saw the hand of God in every circumstance.
 他在任何的环境下都能看到神的作为。

- 49. He saw the positive in the middle of the negative. 保罗能在逆境中看到积极的一面。
- 50. He blessed his persecutors. 他为逼迫他的人祝福。
- He saw this as an opportunity to lift up the name of Jesus;
 他把这当作一个机会来高举耶稣之名;
- 52. and the last principle is this: 最后的一个原则是:
- 53. Paul maintained his attitude of selfless love. 保罗能够保持他无私的爱。
- 54. This is very difficult to do when you are falsely accused;
 尤其是在你遭受诬告的时候,这是非常难得的;
- 55. but Paul maintained his attitude of selfless love. 但保罗却能够保持他无私的爱。
- 56. It was Paul's selfless love for the church of Jerusalem that brought him there to begin with. 正是他对耶路撒冷教会无私的爱,牵引他来 到这里,引发了这一切。
- 57. It was his love for his weaker brethren that brought him to Jerusalem; 他对软弱肢体的爱,把他带到了耶路撒冷;
- and, ultimately, it was his love for the Lord Jesus Christ that motivated him to love people. 最终,也正是他对主耶稣基督的爱激励着他 来爱别人。
- Love that is not motivated by the love of Christ is temporary; 不是从神而来的爱往往是短暂的;
- 60. but, when you love the Lord, you will love the unsaved;
 但是,如果你爱主,你就会爱还没有得救的人;
- and you will have the strength to turn oppression into opportunity. 你就会有力量将困境变为转机。
- You will have the wisdom to turn false critics into listeners; 你就会有智慧把诬蔑你的人变成你的听众;
- 63. and you will have the courage to turn your false accusers into a congregation. 你就会有勇气把一群诬告你的人变成教会的 会众。

64. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing.愿神大大地赐福给你,下次再会。