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## **“BURNING BRIDGES”**

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### **#1 PERSONAL FREEDOM**

#### **“REJECT SELF FOR THE GOSPEL”**

Acts 25:8 NIV

Then Paul made his defense: "I have done nothing wrong against the law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar."

Acts 25:11 NIV

If, however, I am guilty of doing anything deserving death, I do not refuse to die. But if the charges brought against me by these Jews are not true, no one has the right to hand me over to them. **I APPEAL TO CAESAR!**"

Acts 26:32 NIV

Agrippa said to Festus, "**THIS MAN COULD HAVE BEEN SET FREE IF HE HAD NOT APPEALED TO CAESAR.**"

### **#2 PERSONAL DESIRE TEMPTATIONS**

#### **“REJECT YOUR EVIL DESIRES”**

James 1:13-15 NIV

<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each one is tempted when, **BY HIS OWN EVIL DESIRE**, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

### **#3 PERSONAL FEARS**

#### **“FIGHT YOUR GOLIATHS”**

1 Sam 17:45-47 NIV

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you **IN THE NAME OF THE LORD ALMIGHTY**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day **THE LORD WILL HAND YOU OVER TO ME**, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is **NOT BY SWORD OR SPEAR** that **THE LORD SAVES**; for the **BATTLE IS THE LORD'S**, and he will give all of you into our hands."