

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

A few years ago, a friend of mine who pastors a large church was almost destroyed by vicious yet unsubstantiated rumors. What made it so bad was that a so-called "well respected" Christian leader kept perpetuating these rumors. Well, this pastor's reputation was severely damaged. People stopped inviting him to come and speak, to be a part of a conferences and events. He paid a dear price for a number of years. Eventually, the rumors subsided; they were laid to rest. Thankfully, his ministry today is more fruitful than it ever has been.

See, you can be innocent, well-intentioned, and godly, and still be the target of vicious lies and accusations.

In Acts chapter 25, verses 7 through 19, the Apostle Paul is appearing before various people because of his love for and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Jews have trumped up charges against him. Listen to verse 7. "When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove." Then down in verse 19, some of the leaders saw right through these lies and said so. They simply had some points of disagreement with him about their own religion, and about a certain dead man, Jesus, whom Paul asserted to be alive. You see, the Enemy was using this group of people to discredit Paul and destroy his reputation. We, too, should expect to be attacked. Satan wants to discredit God and His work any way he can, and he uses lies to do it. That's part of his overall strategy.

Here's what I want you to remember today. They told lies on Jesus, on Paul, and it's a good chance someone will also tell lies on you and me. Run to God, stand on the Truth, and allow Him to vindicate you.