

# Acts 23:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

## Analysis

The chief captain's personal attention - taking the young man 'by the hand' and asking privately - shows respect and prudence. His willingness to hear information from a young Jewish man demonstrates Roman professional competence in gathering intelligence. This private inquiry protected both the informant and the investigation, showing wisdom in handling sensitive information.

## Historical Context

Roman military officers were trained in intelligence gathering and maintaining civil order. The commander's careful handling of this information reflects Roman administrative competence that helped maintain empire-wide stability.

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you handle sensitive information with discretion while taking appropriate action?
2. What does this teach about God's use of professional competence in secular authorities to accomplish His purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐπιλαβόμενος δὲ τῇς χειρὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ χιλίαρχος  
took Then G3588 by the hand him G3588 the chief captain  
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καὶ ἀναχωρήσας κατ' ἴδιαν ἐπυνθάνετο Τί ἔστιν  
and went with him aside privately and asked him What is  
G2532 G402 G2596 G2398 G4441 G5101 G2076

ὁ ἔχεις ἀπαγγεῖλαί μοι  
that thou hast to tell me  
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