

# How encountering Jesus rewrites your story.

Acts 9:1-28

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- Encountering Jesus shows us our utter HELPLESSNESS before Him. 9:1-8
- Encountering Jesus causes us to rationally consider His IDENTITY. 9:5-9
- Encountering Jesus brings us to a U-TURN moment. 9:5-17
- Encountering Jesus gives us NEW life. 9:17-18
  - New VISION. 9:18
  - New PURPOSE. 9:20-22
  - New OBSTACLES. 9:23-25
  - New FAMILY. 9:26-28

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Acts 9:1-8. What stands out to you in Saul's story that is similar to your story?
2. Read Acts 26:13-15. What are goads? How does Paul kick against them? In your life, was there anything that "goaded" you into following Jesus? Were there any pains that drove you towards the cross?
3. When you think about the resurrection of Jesus, what are some of the reasons you believe it to be true? How does Paul's conversion add to this? How have you dealt with the doubts that have arisen? What about Jesus' resurrection is confusing to you?
4. Read 1 Cor 15:9, Eph 3:8, 1 Tim 1:15. As Paul grew as a Christian, how did his vision of himself change? How is this instructive to us?
5. Does every Christian experience a U-turn moment? Do some experience course corrections? Why or why not? In what sense were we enemies of God before coming to faith in Jesus? (see John 3:19, Colossians 1:21-22, Romans 8:7-8, Eph 2:1-3, 4:18, Titus 3:3, James 4:4)
6. Read Romans 5:6-10. What words are used to describe people before they become Christians? How is this instructive to you?
7. How does trusting in Jesus give us new life (Rom 4:25)? In your own life, what has changed because of how Jesus saved you?
8. Of the ways Jesus gives new life listed on the last point, what stands out to you right now in your life? Why?