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Saul's Conversion  
UNSTOPPABLE—PART 6

Status of the Christian Church by Acts 9  
Acts 5:17-18; Acts 7:54, 59; Acts 8:4

Acts 9:1-2  
<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. <sup>2</sup> He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them – both men and women – back to Jerusalem in chains.

Who was Saul?

Acts 22:3-5  
<sup>3</sup> Then Paul said, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, and I was brought up and educated in Jerusalem under Gamaliel. As his student, I was carefully trained in our Jewish laws and customs. I became very zealous to honor God in everything I did, just like all of you today. <sup>4</sup> And I persecuted the followers of the Way, hounding some to death, arresting both men and women and throwing them in prison. <sup>5</sup> The high priest and the whole council of elders can testify that this is so. For I received letters from them to our Jewish brothers in Damascus, authorizing me to bring the Christians from there to Jerusalem, in chains, to be punished.

Philippians 3:5-6  
<sup>5</sup> I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin – a real Hebrew if ever there was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. <sup>6</sup> I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

Saul's character:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

A Man on a Mission with vision, purpose & commitment.

An Encounter with God!

Acts 9:3-9  
<sup>3</sup> As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!" <sup>6</sup> Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."  
<sup>7</sup> The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! <sup>8</sup> Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. <sup>9</sup> He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

- 1. God knows how to get your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God speaks to us.

Acts 9:17-22  
<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."  
<sup>18</sup> Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.  
<sup>19</sup> Afterwards he ate some food and regained his strength. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days.  
<sup>20</sup> And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"  
<sup>21</sup> All who heard him were amazed. "Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked. "And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priest?"  
<sup>22</sup> Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.

- 3. An Encounter with Jesus results in a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Saul had a \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 17
  - b. Saul had a \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 20-21, 28
  - c. Saul had a \_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 3:14
- \_\_\_\_\_!

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