A. Whose ____________ are we going to follow?
B. Paul wrote, “Follow ___ example, as I follow the example of _______” (1 Cor. 11:1)
C. Anytime we engage in a serious study of a great life, we need to brace ourselves for ____________.
   1. For most of us, there are circumstances and events that _______ and __________ us that take place in the hidden years when few are paying attention.
   2. That’s certainly true of America’s _____ president, __________ ________.
D. Similarly, the life of the apostle Paul is also filled with __________ ____________.
E. The Bible first introduces us to Paul (know initially as ________ of Tarsus) in a very _______ and bloody scene.
F. To our surprise and horror, the blood of the first Christian martyr, __________, is splattered across _______ ‘s feet while he stood nodding in agreement, an accomplice to a vicious execution.
G. Because Paul becomes such a central figure in ____________, it is easy to forget his beginnings.
H. The better we understand the __________ of his past, the more we will understand his ____________ for God’s ________.
I. Paul’s testimony includes, “I am a ________, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ______________ city.” (Acts 21:39)
J. Saul likely lived for the day when he would become a member of the Jewish Supreme Court called the ____________.
   1. Saul was likely part of the audience who heard __________ defense that day.
K. Those were certainly maddening times for the ____________.  
   1. Their attempt to silence Jesus and stop His _______ by having Him crucified had _____________.
   2. Their attempts to silence the apostles by ___________ and ___________ them was also backfiring. (Acts 5:18-31)
   3. Can you guess who likely heard Peter’s speech? __________.
L. Before Saul could organize an assault on Peter and his companions, God intervened in another surprising turn of events as Saul’s own ________ stood and took the floor . (Acts 5:33-40)
   1. William Barclay called Gamaliel an “_________ ________.”
M. The apostles were beaten, and went on their way ____________ because they had suffered for Christ and they continued to _______ about Jesus every day in the temple and from house to house!
   1. And that is why Saul _______ them and that’s what drove him to take even more __________ action against them. (Acts 8:2-3; 28:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:11-12)
   2. How’s that for a autobiography “Paul the blasphemer, ____________ and __________ man.”
N. Lessons for meditation and application:
   1. No matter how any of us appear today, everyone has had a _______ _______.
   2. Regardless of what anyone has ______ or ______, no one is beyond _______.
   3. It is never too ________ to make a new _____________ with God.