

Follow Me As I Follow Christ - A Journey with Paul

“The Turning Point”

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Acts 9:1-6

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Introduction:

- A. Sensational _____ are always so inspiring.
 - 1. One amazing conversion story is the story of _____.
 - 2. Another amazing conversion story is the story of _____.
- B. Thankfully, amazing conversions of notorious _____ happen all the time.
- C. Sadly, when well-known individual convert to Christ, the public often responds with either amazement or _____.
 - 1. What we must keep in mind is that there is a difference between _____ and _____.
- D. If we are going to think of remarkable conversions, there is none more amazing than the conversion of _____ of _____.
 - 1. Few converts to Christianity ever reached the degree of _____ to Christianity that Saul had achieved (Acts 8:3; 26:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:13).
- E. Augustine called Saul’s conversion “the violent capture of a _____ will.”

I. The Story

- A. The 9th chapter of Acts begins with Saul on a murderous rampage toward _____ (Acts. 9:1-2)
- B. Suddenly, Saul’s murderous journey came to a _____. (Acts 9:3-4)
 - 1. Without warning, life can take a sudden and _____ turn.
- C. For the first time in Saul’s life, he found himself desperately _____.
- D. With meekness and respect, Saul asked, “Who are you, Lord?” - the word he used is a title of respect and can just mean _____.
- E. The answer that came must have hit him like a ton of bricks: “I am _____ whom you are persecuting.” (Acts. 9:5)
- F. A Christian named _____ was sent to minister to Saul - to say the he was reluctant to go minister to him was an _____. (Acts 9:10-19)
 - 1. All that was required to complete Saul’s conversion was to be _____ for the forgiveness of sins. (Acts 9:19; 22:16)
- G. Jesus also said to Saul, “It is hard for you to kick against the goads” - a goad is a slender piece of _____ that is _____ on one end. (Acts 26:14)
- H. How had God been goading Saul?
 - 1. He had been goaded by _____ life and words.
 - 2. He had been goaded by _____ peaceful death.
 - 3. He had been goaded by the _____ courageous faith.

Conclusion:

- A. C.S. Lewis likened God’s conquering work of Saul’s rebel will to a divine _____ cornering His opponent until the checkmate is conceded.
- B. “It is no _____ what God can do in a man’s life.” (Stuart Hamblen)

Answer Key: Intro.A. conversions. A.1. Jim, Vaus. A.2. Chuck, Colson. B. sinners. C. skepticism. C.1. conversion, maturity. D. Saul, Tarsus. D.1. opposition. E. rebel. I.A. Damascus. I.B. divine, halt. I.B.1. unexpected. I.C. dependent. I.D. sir. I.E. Jesus. I.F. understatement. I.F.1. baptized. I.G. wood, pointed. I.H.1. Jesus’. I.H.2. Stephen’s. I.H.3. Christians’. Concl.A. chess, player. B. secret.