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 ___________ (Act. 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)