

## Follow Me As I Follow Christ - A Journey with Paul

### *“Training in the Desert”*

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Galatians 1:15-20

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- A. How many have seen the movie \_\_\_\_\_?
1. The main character’s transformation occurred in a place of \_\_\_\_\_, quietness, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. A survey of the Scriptures reveals that those God greatly used were often prepared for their assignments during periods of solitude, \_\_\_\_\_ and obscurity.
1. Take the examples of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Through their times in the “desert,” each of them learned the value of growing \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. With all this in mind, we turn our attention to the story of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. In Galatians 1, we learn a number of things about Saul’s past, before conversion.
1. We learn that he had been trying to please \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. We learn that he had been climbing the ladder of \_\_\_\_\_ success.
- E. In Galatians 1, Paul tells us about two things he did not do immediately after his conversion.
1. He did not immediately consult with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. He didn’t rush to \_\_\_\_\_ to present himself to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Where then did Saul gain all his insight into the nature of God’s call and the gospel? He received it from \_\_\_\_\_ during his period in \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. Where is Arabia? It is a large area stretching from as far south as \_\_\_\_\_ and all the way north to the lower boundaries of \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. For \_\_\_\_\_ years, Saul lived somewhere in the desert.
- I. Charles Ryie said, “In Arabia, he was alone with \_\_\_\_\_, thinking through the implications of his encounter with the risen \_\_\_\_\_ on the Damascus Road.
- J. Just imagine, Saul had been so religious, so busy and zealous, but he had been so \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. Perhaps, the same words might be descriptive of many of us \_\_\_\_\_.
- L. The good news is that God doesn’t require geographical \_\_\_\_\_ to teach us the lessons learned through \_\_\_\_\_.
- M. Three \_\_\_\_\_ for growing deeper in our relationship with God.
1. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ up, \_\_\_\_\_ down and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ more, be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Instead of seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ or a place of \_\_\_\_\_, be content to humbly \_\_\_\_\_ behind the scenes.
- N. The call of solitude and silence and service will prepare us to make a \_\_\_\_\_ in the world for Jesus, but the difference we make starts by \_\_\_\_\_ being different.

Answer Key: A. Castaway. A.1. solitude, obscurity. B. quietness. B.1. Moses, David, Joseph. B.2. deep, God. C. Saul, Tarsus. D.1. men. D.2. religious. E.1. flesh, blood. E.2. Jerusalem, apostles. F. God, Arabia. G. Sinai, Syria. H. three. I. God, Christ. J. wrong. K. Christians. L. isolation, solitude. M. strategies. M.1. speeding, slow, rethink. M.2. talking, quiet, listen. M.3. spotlight, power, serve. N. difference, us.