

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

### “Learning Humble Dependence”

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1 Corinthians 3:5-8

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#### ***Introduction:***

- A. Are you someone who easily accepts the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. In some respects, America was built on an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
- C. Some people think the Bible says, “God \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.” But the Bible nowhere says that.
- D. God waits to assist those who willingly \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to God.
- E. When I think of Saul of Tarsus, I picture him as someone who was pretty \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Saul learned \_\_\_\_\_ through a series of circumstances.

#### ***I. The Story***

- A. Acts 9:20-25
  1. Saul returned to \_\_\_\_\_ and began to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus in the synagogues.
  2. Saul’s growing popularity and effectiveness were viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_ by the Jewish leaders.
  3. Imagine what it must have been like to have a \_\_\_\_\_ out on you.
  4. Who came to Saul’s rescue? They are identified as “his \_\_\_\_\_.”
  5. How did they help him? They lowered him in a \_\_\_\_\_ through an opening in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Acts 9:26-29
  1. Saul left Damascus and went to \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. How was Saul received by the church? The Christians \_\_\_\_\_ want anything to do with him.
  3. Who stepped forward and became Saul’s advocate? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. When the Grecian Jews of Jerusalem tried to kill Saul, the \_\_\_\_\_ took him down to \_\_\_\_\_ and sent him off to \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. The secret of the church both then and now is not a remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ individual like Saul, but is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ***II. The Application***

- A. Today’s part of Saul’s story encourages us...
  1. To learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. To learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. To learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The story of the WWII marine who was saved by a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. As we learn to live in humble dependence, we may see God work in \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.A. help, others. B. independent. C. helps, help. D. surrender. E. self-sufficient. F. humble, dependence. I.A.1. Damascus, preach. I.A.2. threat. I.A.3. contract. I.A.4. followers. I.A.5. basket, wall, night. I.B.1. Jerusalem. I.B.2. didn’t. I.B.3. Barnabas. I.B.4. brothers, Caesarea, Tarsus. I.B.5. gifted, Almighty, God. II.A.1. value, others. II.A.2. humble, ourselves. II.A.3. trust, God. II.B. spider, web. II.C. surprising, ways.