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 __________ ________.