

Act 9:1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Act 9:2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Act 9:3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

Act 9:4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Act 9:5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

Act 9:6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Act 9:7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

Act 9:8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus Act 9:9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Act 9:10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

Act 9:11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

Act 9:12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

Act 9:13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

Act 9:14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

Act 9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Act 9:16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

Act 9:17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Act 9:18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

Saul Proclaims Jesus in Synagogues

Act 9:19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

Act 9:20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

SAUL WAS DOING WHAT HE PERCIEVED RIGHT- THAT'S WHAT REVENGE DOES – IT DRIVES PEOPLE TO GO TO EXTREME LENGTHS TO PROVE THEIR RIGHT. – HE MEASURED THEM WITHOUT MEASURING HIMSELF.

(2COR13V5)

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

AND HOW OFTEN WE JUMP ON THAT ROAD THINKING WE'RE DOING GODS BUSINESS
BUT REALLY ITS MY OWN MISSION AND I HAVE TO WALK OUT MY DAMASUS ROAD
AFRESH

**AND YET FOR ALL THAT – GOD DISRUPTS HIS JOURNEY OF LIFE, HIS WALK IS
INTERUPTED HIS THINKING INTERUPTED HIS SELF MADE MISSION – AND GOD CAUSES A
LIGHT TO SHINE ABOUT HIM (some say it was lightning)**

- **SO HE CAN DISRUPT HIS FOCUS**
- **THEY ALL FALL TO THE GROUND - STUBBORNES MUST BOW PRIDE MUST BOW**
- **THE LORD SPEAKS - everyone heard the voice but Saul hears and see's**
- **(Acts26v16) –But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.**

Everyone your Surrounded with (*He wasn't alone in how he thought or felt – similar spirits attract*) **might hear the same thing and it doesn't move or change them but your changed forever – For the message was tailor made and designed for you and I so we begin to see with a different eye we begin to hear a different sound... My spirit has been quickened**

PAUL IS CONFRONTED WITH THE WEIGHT OF HIS ACTIONS –

- **WHEN YOU TOUCH HIS PEOPLE YOUR TOUCHING HIM**
- **WHEN YOU HURT HIS PEOPLE YOUR HURTING HIM –**
- **WHEN YOU PERSECUTE (to accuse and cast judgement) THEM YOU PERSECUTE HIM.**

**JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF AS LORD – TELLS HIM HE IS KICKING AGAINST THE GOADS –
THERE WAS A FIGHT INSIDE OF SAUL...THOSE THINGS THAT PRICK ME GIVE ME A BLOODY
FOOT AND CHANGE ONES WALK THOSE THINGS GOD UTILISES TO CHASTEN TRAIN AND
TEMPER ME SO I WON'T REBEL AND REACT TO THE PRODDING OF HIS DIRECTION AND
APPREHENDING...**

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God has a way of dealing with a in a place of vulnerability

He was 3 days and nights blinded – 3 nights of contemplation and weighing... he couldn't go any where he was blind God had got him alone....

Hello Jacob – Hello Moses - Hello Gideon - Hello David – Hello Noah

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**PAUL HAD BEEN APPREHENDED ON HIS DAMASCUS ROAD
AND NOW WAS IN PURSUIT TO APPREHEND THAT FOR WHICH HE WAS APPREHENDED FOR.**

**To press and push though any obstacle in his way that He may THAT HE MAY PLEASE THE ONE WHO GOT
HIM OFF HIS DAMASCUS ROAD**

Phil3v7-14

Php 3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. :8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Php 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; :10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Php 3:11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Php 3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.