

**Worship Lyrics**  
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**Maple Worship Set**  
**I Thank God**  
**His Mercy Is More**  
**All I Have Is Christ**

# **Living Hope**

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## **Verse 1**

**Wandering into the night  
wanting a place to hide  
This weary soul this bag of  
bones**

**I try with all of my might  
But I just can't win the fight  
I'm slowly drifting a  
vagabond**

## **Pre-Chorus 1**

**And just when I ran out of  
the road  
I met a man I didn't know**

**And He told me that I was  
not alone**

**Chorus 1**

**You picked me up You turned  
me around**

**And placed my feet on solid  
ground**

**I thank the Master I thank  
the Savior**

**Because You healed my heart  
You changed my name**

**Forever free I'm not the  
same**

**I thank the Master I thank  
the Savior I thank God**

**Verse 2**

**I cannot deny what I've seen  
Got no choice but to believe**

**My doubts are burnin' like  
ashes in the wind  
So so long to my old friends  
burden and bitterness  
You can just keep them  
moving  
Nah you ain't welcome here  
Pre-Chorus 2  
From now till I walk streets  
of gold  
I'll sing of how You saved my  
soul**

**This wayward son has found  
his way back home**

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**His Mercy Is More Matt  
Boswell and Matt Papa  
Verse 1**

**What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He  
counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without  
bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His  
mercy is more**

## **Verse 2**

**What patience would wait as  
we constantly roam**

**What Father so tender is  
calling us home**

**He welcomes the weakest  
the vilest the poor**

**Our sins they are many His  
mercy is more**

## **Verse 3**

**What riches of kindness He  
lavished on us**

**His blood was the payment  
His life was the cost**

**We stood 'neath a debt we  
could never afford**

**Our sins they are many His  
mercy is more**

## **Chorus 1**

**Praise the Lord His mercy is  
more**

**Stronger than darkness new  
every morn**

**Our sins they are many His  
mercy is more**

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**All I Have Is Christ Jordan  
Kauflin**

**Verse 1**

**I once was lost in darkest  
night**

**Yet thought I knew the way**

**The sin that promised joy  
and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would  
own**

**A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me  
first**

**I would refuse You still**

**Verse 2**

**But as I ran my hell-bound  
race**

**Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless  
state**

**And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love  
displayed  
You suffered in my place**

**You bore the wrath reserved  
for me**

**Now all I know is grace**

**Chorus 1**

**Hallelujah all I have is Christ**

**Hallelujah Jesus is my life**

**Verse 3**

**Now Lord I would be Yours  
alone**

**And live so all might see**

**The strength to follow Your  
commands**

**Could never come from me**

**O Father use my ransomed  
life**

**In any way You choose**

**And let my song forever be**

**My only boast is You**

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**Living Hope Brian Johnson  
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**Verse 1**

**How great the chasm that lay  
between us**

**How high the mountain I  
could not climb**

**In desperation I turned to  
heaven**

**And spoke Your name into  
the night**

**Then through the darkness  
Your loving-kindness**

**Tore through the shadows of  
my soul**

**The work is finished the end  
is written**

**Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Verse 2**

**Who could imagine so great a  
mercy**

**What heart could fathom  
such boundless grace**

**The God of ages stepped  
down from glory**

**To wear my sin and bear my  
shame**

**The cross has spoken I am  
forgiven**

**The King of kings calls me  
His own**

**Beautiful Savior I'm Yours  
forever**

**Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Chorus 1**

**Hallelujah praise the One  
who set me free**

**Hallelujah death has lost its  
grip on me**

**You have broken every chain**

**There's salvation in Your  
name**

**Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Verse 3**

**Then came the morning that  
sealed the promise**

**Your buried body began to  
breathe**

**Out of the silence the**

**Roaring Lion**

**Declared the grave has no  
claim on me**

**(REPEAT)**

**Jesus Yours is the victory**

**whoa**

**Misc 1**

**(Ending)**

**Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Oh God You are my living**

**hope**

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# **Sermon Notes**

## **Pastor Brian Erickson**

### **“The Conversion of Paul”**

**Acts 9:1-19a**

**Acts: The Unstoppable  
Gospel**

**Intro: The main character in this passage is Saul of Tarsus, who becomes Paul the Apostle.**

- **Acts 9:1-19 is Saul's conversion story. His testimony. How he got saved.**

**I. Saul in pursuit (vv. 1-3)**

**Acts 9:1-2 – “Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”**

**1 Timothy 1:12-16 – “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer**

**and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. 14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. 16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would**

**believe in Him for eternal life.”**

**Acts 9:3 – “As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.”**

**Acts 26:13 – “At midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.”**

**II. Saul interrupted (vv. 4-9)**

**Acts 9:4 – “And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”**

**Philippians 3:10-12 – “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I**

**was laid hold of by Christ Jesus."**

**Acts 9:5 – "And he said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'"**

**Acts 26:14 – "And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'"**

- **Acts 9:5 in NKJV includes the phrase “It is hard for you to kick against the goads”.**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-8 – “Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He**

**appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also."**

**Revelation 1:16 – "In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength."**

**Acts 9:6 – “But get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”**

**The NKJV translates Acts 9:6 this way – “So he, trembling and astonished, said, ‘Lord, what do You want me to do?’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Arise and go into that city, and you will be told what you must do.’”**

**Acts 9:7 – “The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.”**

**Acts 9:8-9 – “Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.”**

### **III. Saul chosen (vv. 10-16)**

**Acts 9:10-12 – “Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ And he said, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ 11 And the Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight.**

**and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.”**

**Philippians 3:5 –**

**“Circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee.”**

**Deuteronomy 6:4 – “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!”**

**Acts 9:13-17 – “But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.’ 15 But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.’”**

#### **IV. Saul restored (vv. 17-19)**

**Acts 9:17-19 – “So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened.”**

## **FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:**

**1. Saul was sincere, but sincerely wrong. How can you make sure your passions align with God**

**2. What changes or surrenders is God asking of you right now?**

**3. Ananias was asked to do something risky. What uncomfortable tasks is God calling you to do?**

**4. If Saul can be saved, anyone can be saved. How does this transformation help you not give up hope that God can save your friends or loved ones who seem too far from God?**

**5. The early believers were terrified of Saul initially. How do we sometimes look at new believers with suspicion rather than grace? What should we do differently?**