

The Conversion: What's YOUR Story

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BIG IDEA:

Nobody is **beyond** the reach of **Jesus**, and nobody is **too ordinary** to be used by Him.

KEY VERSE:

"It is hard for you to kick against the goads." – Verse 5b

BACKGROUND:

We're introduced to the pushback of the Gospel message that Jesus is the Messiah in chapter 7 as Stephen is Martyred. One of the key figures of this persecution was Saul whose actions lead to the scattering of believers, but also the spread of the Gospel being preached. From God fearing Jews, to "half-breed" Samaritans in Chapter 8 and before this passage a complete outsider – an Ethiopian Eunuch.

QUESTION:

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where the thought crossed your mind,

"Yeah...I'm definitely not qualified to be here!"?

Def-i-ni-tion

"Impostor syndrome (noun)"

: a psychological condition that is characterized by persistent doubt concerning one's abilities or accomplishments accompanied by the fear of being exposed as a fraud despite evidence of one's ongoing success

BIBLICAL TRUTH #1: JESUS PURSUES THE _____ (vv.1-9)

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. 'I am JESUS whom you are persecuting,' he replied." – (v.5)

Reflection Question: Have you believed the lie that you aren't good enough to be part of God's family?

Sometimes grace begins with God lovingly dismantling us.

BIBLICAL TRUTH #2: YOU MUST _____ BEFORE YOU CAN TRULY _____ (vv.8-18)

"For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything." (v.9)

Reflection Question: Is there something in your life that needs to die so that you may truly live?

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BIBLICAL TRUTH #3: GOD USES _____ DISCIPLES (vv.10-19)

*“Then Ananias went his way and entered the house; on 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 so that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’” (v.17)*

Because of **ONE man’s obedience**...Saul is welcomed into the family of God.

Faith is not the absence of fear. It is **obedience** despite fear.

TAKEAWAY

SO WHAT?

RECALL *the story of God’s transforming work in your life and ask someone in your circle of influence the question, “**what’s your story?**”*

NOW WHAT?

OBEY Who is God calling you to speak His words of hope and life over? Take a step of faith – stop kicking against the goads and receive His grace!

May we be a church that fears the Lord and is encouraged by the Holy Spirit! (V.31)