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A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

**The Encounter - Acts 9:1-19**

# Getting Knocked Down (vv 1-5)



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## Saul before knowing Christ

*“Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.” Acts 8:3 NIV*

*“Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples.” Acts 9:1 NIV*

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## Saul's encounter with Christ

*“As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Acts 9:3-4 NIV*

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Saul's encounter with Christ

*"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.* Acts 9:5 NIV

# Facing the Darkness (vv 6-9)

*“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” Acts 9:6 NIV*

# Facing the Darkness (vv 6-9)

*“Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.” Acts 9:8-9 NIV*

# Facing the Darkness (vv 6-9)

*“Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. ... I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.”*

Romans 7:7, 10 NIV



# Facing the Darkness (vv 6-9)

*“It is not as though I had already attained it, nor were already perfect; but I follow after, that I may apprehend that for which Christ Jesus also apprehended me.” Phil 3:12 KJV*

# Facing the Darkness (vv 6-9)

*“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”* Acts 26:14 NIV

# Experience Belonging (vv 17-19)



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*<sup>11</sup>“The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” Acts 9:11-12*

# Experience Belonging (vv 17-19)

*<sup>13</sup> “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” Acts 9:13-14*

# Experience Belonging (vv 17-19)

*<sup>15</sup> “But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” Acts 9:15-16*

# Experience Belonging (vv 17-19)

*<sup>17</sup> “Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>*

*Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.” Acts 9:17-19*



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