

**Focus on Jesus - He will send You**  
**It might be gravel, but it feels like Gold**  
**Acts 21:40 - 22:30**

We need to be \_\_\_\_\_

- we're gold scraps that have a ton of impurities attached to us, sin and habits from our past that need to be heated up and burned off.

God loved Paul and loves us so much, that while we were sinners, still sinning, He chose to \_\_\_\_\_ us. **Romans 5:8**

God wants to Refine us into the perfect gold that \_\_\_\_\_ sees us as.  
**Jeremiah 9:7-8a, Psalm 66:8-12**

God sees your \_\_\_\_\_, the finished work of who He created you to be, Flawless through Jesus Christ!

Paul understood that God was working in him and could have \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering. The Holy Spirit was alive inside of him. Jesus was his example and focus.

**1 Thessalonians 1:6, Colossians 1:24, 28-29**

- Paul was able to rejoice in suffering because He was focused on Jesus!

Our lives on Earth are part of our eternity. Death just happens to be \_\_\_\_\_ part of Eternity.

- One part. Just like you got up this morning was A part of your eternity.

**Luke 17:20-21**

- Jesus always, was!
- He was eternal before he came to this earth, he was eternal when he was on this earth and he was eternal after his death on earth being raised from the dead and will always be eternal forever, for eternity to come.
- So if you have committed your life to Jesus as your Lord, your Boss and Savior then you are following in His footsteps to Heaven to be your eternal resting place.
- That means then that Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to live inside of you, assuring you then as a member of the Heavenly Kingdom, which means you are in right now.

**1 John 4:13-16**

**Application:**

So what do we do now while on this earth being refined? **Acts 22:6-10, 14-16,21**

We \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus and Go, following His directions.

- Go is following Jesus' direction one step at a time one moment at a time traveling your journey down the gravel windy road being refined to become pure gold.

What are we to do when we Go? **Acts 22:15**

You will be his \_\_\_\_\_ to all people of what you have seen and heard.

Take \_\_\_\_\_ story and Go, telling all of what you have seen and heard!

- As you Go

a) Address people in “their language” **Acts 22:2**

- Don't get all religious and try to impress people by your fancy words that they have no idea on what they mean.
- Talk to them in a way that they will understand
  - Don't belittle them with your words
  - Don't talk above them with your words.
  - Talk to them like you would have wanted someone to talk to you.

b) Relate to people **Acts 22:3b**

- Remember where you came from, you were once in their shoes
- Find common ground
  - Paul did it everywhere he went, Jesus did it everywhere he went. Build on that.

c) Never forget the focus is on Jesus **Acts 22:6-10, 17-21**

- Paul had rejected Jesus, and then had a literal come to Jesus moment. After that, Paul referred to Jesus as the LORD! His complete focus and submission was on Jesus.
- There was no question about who Paul was focused on
- Paul's complete state of mind was on Jesus.

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

## **Jesus is the Focus**

**HE is the glasses that we need to look through.**

**HE is the mindset that we need to have**

**And HE is the one who will send YOU**

**So Go!**

**This life may be gravel, but it Feels like Gold**

**And only you can make that choice**