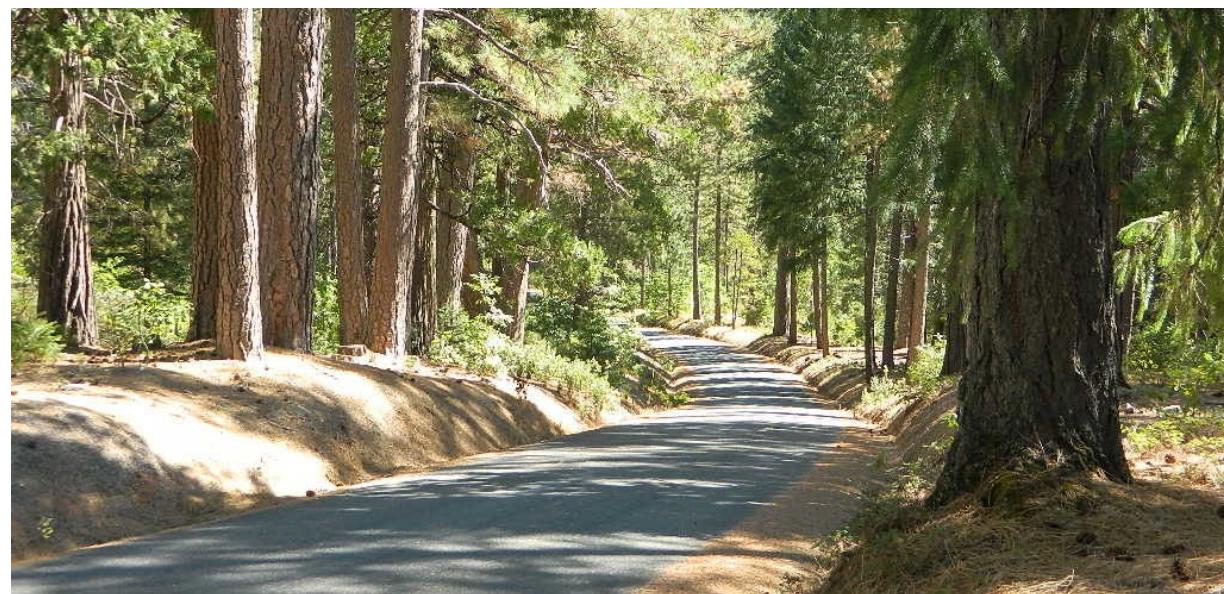


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Acts 9:15-16

[15] But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. [16] For I will show him how much he must **suffer** for the sake of my name.”



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[12] I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, **appointing me to his service**, [13] though ***formerly*** I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I **received mercy** because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, [14] and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

(1 Timothy 1:12-17 ESV)



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[15] The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.**

[16] But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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[15] But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, [16] was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; [17] nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. [18] Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. (Galatians 1:15-18 ESV)



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Key Principle

If you want to be a bold & powerful witness for Christ, you have to spend time with Jesus.

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[21] Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
[22] And I was still unknown in person to the
churches of Judea that are in Christ. [23] They only
were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is
now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.”
[24] And they glorified God because of me. [1] Then
after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem
with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me.

(Galatians 1:21–2:1 ESV)

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God's purpose in our life is to make us more like Jesus, and in order to become more like Jesus, we need to follow the path that Jesus traveled.

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Acts 9:31

[31] So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

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Signs of Health

1. Peace
2. Built up
3. Walking in the fear of the Lord
4. In the comfort of the Holy Spirit
5. Multiplying

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Big Idea

God tends to use the least expected people & circumstances to produce what matters most.

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