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What road am I on?

Where are we headed?

From persecutor to preacher, Paul proves that God redeems and redirects.

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Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest.

He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them - both men and women - back to Jerusalem in chains.

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As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

"Who are you, lord?" Saul asked

And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Acts 9:5 - 6

The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one!

Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus.

He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

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In verses 10 - 16, Ananias was:
Called (by name)
Sent
Obeyed

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So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight.

Then he got up and was baptized.

Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

Acts 9:18 - 19

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"

Acts 9:19 - 20

All who heard him were amazed. "Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked.

"And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?"

Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.

After a while some of the Jews plotted together to kill him.

They were watching for him day and night at the city gate so they could murder him, but Saul was told about their plot.

So during the night, some of the other believers lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the city wall.

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer!

Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus.

So Saul stayed with the apostles and went all around Jerusalem with them, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.

He debated with some Greek speaking Jews, but they tried to murder him.

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Check Yourself

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

2 Corinthians 13:5

God Knows Your Name

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name, you are mine."

Isaiah 43:1

Find Your Voice

We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:20

Live Dangerously

Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3:12

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We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Hebrews 12:2(a)

Any may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

Ephesians 3:18 - 19

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3:18 - 19

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