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**MESSAGE NOTES**  
**Acts 29**

Acts 9:28-31 (NKJV)

So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus. Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria **had peace and were edified** [Gr. being built up]. And walking in the **fear of the Lord** and in the **comfort of the Holy Spirit**, they were multiplied.

Twelve years will pass in the life of Saul before he again enters into prominent ministry, being sent out as a missionary from the church at Antioch.

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**Acts Chapter 9**

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Acts 8:3 (NKJV)

As for **Saul (later called Paul)**, he **made havoc** [Gr. implies “tearing like a wild animal”] of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing [them] to prison.

Galatians 1:13 (NKJV) – Paul wrote:

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how **I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.**

Acts 9:1-2 (NKJV)

Then Saul, still **breathing threats and murder** against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of **the Way**, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

The earliest recorded name for Christianity was “the Way.” It is repeated five times throughout the book of Acts.

Acts 9:3-6 (NKJV)

As he (Saul) journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is **hard for you to kick against the goads.**” So he, **trembling and astonished**, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

### God wants to show us:

1. Who He \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ (requires WHOLENESS)
2. What He \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ (our DESTINY)

#### Acts 9:7-8 (NKJV)

And the men who journeyed with him **stood speechless**, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

#### Galatians 1:11-12 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that **the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning**. I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, **I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ**.

#### Acts 9:11-12 (NKJV)

So the Lord said to him (Ananias), “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”

Nothing moves in heaven without faith.

#### Acts 9:13-16 (NKJV)

Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man (Saul), how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

But the Lord said to him (Ananias), “Go, for **he (Saul) is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the**

children of Israel. For **I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.**”

Saul now becomes the persecuted instead of the persecutor.

#### Acts 9:17-18 (NKJV)

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and 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 that you may receive your sight and **be filled with the Holy Spirit**.” Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

#### Acts 9:20-22 (NKJV)

Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?” But **Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews** who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

#### 1 Timothy 1:13,16 – Paul wrote.

“...although I was formerly a **blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent** [Gr. arrogant] **man**; but I obtained mercy because **I did it ignorantly in unbelief**. However, for this reason **I obtained mercy**, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all **longsuffering, as a pattern** to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.”

#### Acts 9:23-27 (NKJV)

Now after many days were past, the **Jews plotted to kill him**. But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night and **let him down through the wall in a large basket**.

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.

And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.