

Can you recall a time when you were sure you were right only to discover you were totally wrong? Remember the sinking feeling in your stomach?

Read Acts 9:4. Jesus told Paul he was not just persecuting Christians, but he was persecuting Jesus himself. Paul realizes that he was wrong in his persecution of Christians and is in prayer by verse 11.

Instead of God directly healing Paul's blindness he sends Ananias. Why do you think God chose to restore Paul's sight through Ananias? Why do you think God choose to use these visions and His Spirit to communicate with both Paul and Ananias?

Paul's story is another example that no one is beyond the reach of God's power and another example of God's ability to affect dramatic changes of behavior. Paul's perspective of people has now changed from Jew or Gentile? to saved or unsaved?

Do you think God saves us for a reason other than eternal life?

Read Eph 2:10, Rom 8:28, & Heb 13:16.

From Scripture what would the "good works" be? 1 John 3 tells us that we should love our brother not just with our words, but with our deeds. Jesus said it this way, "By their fruits you will know them."

In what area can you see God redirecting your path? What priorities do you have that may conflict with God's priorities? How can we live a more Spirit driven life?

Is there an unanswered prayer for someone that you have given up on that you can bring before the Lord again? Is there a "good deed" that you can do as an act of faith in this area?

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**"Not So" Chance Encounters With Jesus**

*The Unlikely Saul*

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**Acts 9:1-19**

**Saul's situation**

Ac 7:58

Ac 22:3

Phil 3:4-6

2Co 13:5

**Divine Intervention**

Gal 1:15-16

**God's Purposes always Prevail**

Acts 9:15

Pr 19:21

Is 14:24

Eph 2:10