

# Calling, Partnership & Mission

**A Wretch Redeemed**

**Acts 9**



# **Acts 7:57-8:1**

**“At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at [Stephen], <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet ...**

# **Acts 7:57-8:1**

**of a young man named Saul... they were stoning him... <sup>1</sup> And Saul approved of their killing him.”**

# **Acts 9:1-9**

**Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them ...**

# **Acts 9:1-9**

**as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, ...**

# **Acts 9:1-9**

**whom you are persecuting,” he replied. <sup>6</sup> “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” <sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from ...**

# **Acts 9:1-9**

**the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.  
9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.**



# **Acts 9:10-16**

**“In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. <sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen ...**

# **Acts 9:10-16**

**a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”<sup>13</sup> “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem.<sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests ...**

# **Acts 9:10-16**

**to arrest all who call on your name.”**  
**15 But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go!**  
**This man is my chosen instrument**  
**to proclaim my name to the Gentiles**  
**and their kings and to the people of**  
**Israel. 16 I will show him how much**  
**he must suffer for my name.”**

# **Acts 9:19-23**

**“Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this ....**

# **Acts 9:19-23**

**name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"<sup>22</sup> Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.<sup>23</sup> After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him."**

# **Ephesians 2:1-5** **(altered first person)**

As for *me*, *I* was dead in *my* transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which *I* used to live when *I* followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> *I* lived among them at one time, gratifying the...

# Ephesians 2:1-5 (altered first person)

cravings of *my* flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, *I was* by nature deserving of wrath.

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for *me*, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made *me* alive with Christ even when *I was* dead in (*my*) transgressions—it is by grace *I* have been saved.

# Ephesians 2:4-5 AMP

“But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved *me* (us)...”



# **1 Timothy 1:15-16**

**“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.  
16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, ...**

# **1 Timothy 1:15-16**

**the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”**

# **Philippians 3:12-14**

**“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do..**

# **Philippians 3:12-14**

**Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”**

# **1 Corinthians 15:9**

**“For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”**

# **1 Corinthians 15:10**

**“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.”**