

4.31 Saul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-19a

Unit 7: Good News Spreads "Chain Breaker"

Wed. 4/8 & Sun. 4/12

"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."

John 8:36

The Point: Jesus Breaks Chains

STORY SUMMARY: Saul's Conversion

Saul was a leader among the persecutors of early Christians. He was a devout Jew who, like many others, did not believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah. He defended his faith by doing whatever it took to eliminate the spreading of the news that Jesus is Lord, including imprisoning believers and persecuting leaders in the Christian church. As Saul walked along the road toward Damascus with the specific purpose of interrupting the preaching and teaching of Christians, he is literally stopped in his tracks along the road by a bright, blinding light. He fell to the ground as he heard the words, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Blinded by the experience, he was led to Damascus by his fellow travelers where he remained without sight for three days before God called a believer named Ananias to heal him. Saul was later called by his Roman name, Paul.

THE POINT: God sometimes calls the most unlikely people to do the work of spreading the gospel.

This dramatic calling along the road to Damascus demonstrates the Holy Spirit's ability to change the hearts of people. Both Saul and Ananias were reluctant to carry out what they were called to do. God's love transforms people, changing their hearts and minds, and calls them to serve others by sharing Jesus' love in word and deed

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS: Paul's Travels (Bible Maps)

To understand Paul's missionary journeys and his relationship with the people of the early church, it is helpful to understand the geography affecting these relationships. Paul traveled to many cities and towns, spreading the story of Jesus. A map will show where these different churches were beginning, and how Paul traveled between them

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: Service

Ananias, originally frightened by the prospect of going near Saul, ends up partnering with him in his calling. Christians are called to work alongside one another, support one another, and work together to share God's love in their daily lives

Spirit & Truth

Hope Youth Volunteer,

What an amazing transformation from Saul to Paul! Isn't it remarkable that God can use the most unlikely people to further his kingdom! God can transform anyone and anything. So maybe there is something in your life that you want Him to change. Ask Him to transform it and see what God can do.

Blessings the Youth Team!