

Sunday – May 12, 2024



"He/She could never change. They have always been that way." How many times have you seen, heard or said those words? You know someone, and they claim to have had an encounter with God. Because they are a family member, celebrity, politician you don't believe them. You don't believe change is possible. Following Jesus is all about being changed, and changing others.

**KEY VERSE:** *"And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." Acts 9:3-6*

Read through all of Acts 9:1-20

Write your own brief synopsis of the events of Paul's conversion. Write it so you can explain it to someone else very easily.

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Change is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's mercy.

Read Romans 5:8 and Ephesians 2:4,5. How do these verses help you understand Saul/Paul's appreciation of God's mercy in his life? In our lives?

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God's unstoppable change gives me the gift of a greater \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." Acts 9:13-16.*

God's plan is greater than my best \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Ephesians 1:5. How is God's plan for your life better than your own?

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God's unstoppable change is a gift to change \_\_\_\_\_.  
Read Acts 9:19-22.

God works through \_\_\_\_\_ to change others

What was Saul's first response after meeting Jesus? How is that the same, different than my response when I met Jesus? How about now?

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**This week:**

- How has God changed me to be more like Jesus?
- Who have I written off as "can't be changed" before God has?
- Who would God have me help to be changed to be more like Jesus? Will I?

Next Week: "God's Unstoppable Purpose"