



# A RADICAL CONVERSION

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ACTS 9

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# 1. Saul the Ruthless

*“They took him out of the city and began to throw stones at him to kill him. And those who told lies against Stephen left their coats with a young man named Saul.” Acts 7:58 (New Century Version)*

*“Saul was also trying to destroy the church, going from house to house, dragging out men and women and putting them in jail.” Acts 8:3 (New Century Version)*

*“In the past I spoke against Christ and persecuted him and did all kinds of things to hurt him.” 1 Timothy 1:13 (New Century Version)*

## 2. *Saul's Rendezvous*

*“As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?” Acts 9:3-4 (New Living Translation)*

*“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. And the voice replied, “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” Acts 9:5-6 (New Living Translation)*

### 3. Saul's Supporter

*“Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord!” he replied. The Lord said, “Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again. “But Lord,” exclaimed Ananias, “I’ve heard...he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name.’ But the Lord said, “Go...””*

Acts 9:10-15 (New Living Translation)

## 4. *Saul's Sight*

*“So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.”*  
Acts 9:17-18 (New Living Translation)

## 5. Saul's Schooling

*“When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord...and how the Lord had spoken to Saul...So Saul stayed with the apostles...”*  
Acts 9:26-28 (New Living Translation)

## 6. Paul the Servant

*“But the word of God continued to increase and spread. When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem...In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas...and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” Acts 12:24-13:4 (New King James Version)*

## 7. Paul's Sacrifice

*“Are they servants of Christ? I can go them one better. (I can’t believe I’m saying these things. It’s crazy to talk this way! But I started, and I’m going to finish.) I’ve worked much harder, been jailed more often, beaten up more times than I can count, and at death’s door time after time. I’ve been flogged five times with the Jews’ thirty-nine lashes, beaten by Roman rods three times, pummeled with rocks once. I’ve been shipwrecked three times, and immersed in the open sea for a night and a day.” 2 Corinthians 11:23-25 (The Message)*

*All because of the*

*Resurrection*

*and the Appearance*

*of Jesus to Paul!*