Paul's Salvation and Yours

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INTRODUCTION

- When it comes to his example in what he did in order to be saved, you can do what he did.
- The example of what Paul did to become a Christian is very achievable. We can follow the example of Paul.
- We remember Paul as being the best, but we're introduced to him as being the worst.

1 God Is Merciful and Generous to the Lost

Acts 9:4–6; Philippians 3:12; 1 Timothy 1:12–16

- God is merciful. He is merciful and generous to the lost, and he's seeking lost souls to save.
- Jesus sought out Paul and stopped him in his tracks. Because God was wanting this lost soul to be saved.
- I press on that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
- For this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all long suffering as a pattern to those who are going to believe on him for everlasting life.
- So that you could see that God, if God could save the worst, then God can save you.
- That God is still desiring lost souls to be saved.

2 God's Word Our Only Source for Salvation

Acts 9:6; 1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:2

- But Jesus doesn't save him on that road to Damascus.
- In every case of conversion in the book of Acts, the Word is communicated to the lost soul. And obedience to that word is what saves them.
- God saved me, the worst, the same way he's saving you through his word and the power of that word. We're to be saved just like Paul.
- Paul said, Timothy, it's all about the word.
- A disciple is a follower. A disciple is somebody who does what they're told.
- All we have to do is to do what God told us to do. And that's what Paul did. He obeyed the word.

3 We Must Obey God's Word Regardless of Others

Acts 28:24; Romans 9:1–5

- We must obey God's word, regardless of what others might choose to do or not do.
- Some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.
- The gospel always has mixed result.
- It seems to me that Paul was only concerned about pleasing the Lord. And that demanded that he obey the gospel.
- I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were a curse from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh.

- But Paul never says, because of that, I'm not going to obey the gospel.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We know what Paul did. The question is, what will you do?**

MY NOTES