Transformations in the Life of Paul

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INTRODUCTION

- We're going to be talking about the transformation of a particular Bible individual by the name of Saul, a familiar man, Saul of Tarsus, who became Paul, the apostle.
- In life, we as people we do good, we do evil, and some things are just things that we do in life.

1 The Adjustment Phase

Acts 7:54–60

- Saul of Tarsus was a believer in God.
- And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.
- God didn't give him amnesia. He gave him a mind that recalled the past.
- He had to adjust to understanding I had a bad past. I did some things in my past I shouldn't have done.

2 He Had to Wait and Face Opposition

- Saul had a special encounter. Jesus approached him on the road to Damascus, called out from heaven.
- Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no one, but they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
- Lord, I've heard from many about this man. How much harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.
- The preacher is willing to listen to Jesus to say people can have grace, people can change, people can reform, people can be bad and then turn good.

3 The Opportunity Phase

- Saul was very well versed in the scriptures, but yet he still needed the help of the saints.
- Immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues that Christ is the Son of God.
- Paul is an example for us of opportunity. Ability plus opportunity equals responsibility.
- Paul saw his responsibility, he saw his opportunity, he had the ability, so he was responsible with it.

4 The Bravery Phase of His Life

Acts 13:4–12

- These were not Paul's travel vacations. Paul was beaten, he was shipwrecked, he spent a night and a day out on the deep.
- And so he faced all these challenges and he kept going and kept going. I call this the bravery phase of his life.
- Oh, full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?
- Then the pro counsel, that's Sergius Paulus, believed.

5 Conflict, Independent Outreach and Collaboration

Acts 15:1–4; Acts 15:37–41; Acts 20:1–6

- Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.
- So the Gentiles didn't have to be circumcised in order to be saved. That didn't have to be added to the plan of salvation.
- So he does what I will call a phase of independent outreach. He branches out and he goes where he needs to go to spread the gospel.
- This particular phase of Paul the Apostle is a journey marked with collaboration, a journey marked by synthesis, a journey marked by helpers.

6 Gloom, Challenges and a Silver Lining

Acts 24:14–16; Acts 25:26; Romans 10:1–2

- Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience to God before God until this day.
- Agrippa said to Paul, You almost persuade me to become a Christian.
- He had gloom, he had challenges, he had great sorrow in his life, and most of it stemmed from his love for Jerusalem.
- Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The transformation choice is yours. God doesn't force you to be saved. He doesn't make you obey him his way, but he gives you the opportunity to choose the right thing to do. And so what of your life?**

MY NOTES