

Just One More Thing – Saul/Paul

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Acts 9:1-19

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Jesus loves being found by us

That is his greatest joy.

*How would you have pictured Jesus' face when you found him?

Read and discuss Acts 9:1-9(NIV)

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

*What is this passage saying? What does it tell us about God?

*What is this passage saying to us?

It can become easy to miss the new thing God is doing

When we focus on defending the way things used to be, keeping track of who is righteous and protecting our group.

*How do you see yourself in some of the ways Saul thought he was trying to defend God?

Read and discuss Acts 9:10-19(NIV)

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again.

He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus

*What does this passage say about our enemies?

*Is there someone you would be surprised to have the Lord ask you to help find him?

What is true of conversion moments should be true of every moment

There is no conversion –or walking with Jesus- without humility

There is no conversion –or walking with Jesus- without trusting him as the answer

There is no conversion – or walking with Jesus- without regular turning towards him

*How should our everyday model a conversion moment?

*In what ways can we be finding him today?

*Where have you seen Jesus popping up in your life recently, eager to be found by you?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)* [The Conversion of St. Paul](#) by Benjamin West

Song for reflection [You Found Me](#) by MercyMe

*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.