

The Power of the Light
Acts 9:1-6
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Thesis: I want to show the power in the light that Saul saw.

Intro:

1. Conversion stories can be some of the most powerful encouragement to others.
2. The conversion of Saul is one that should encourage us all.

I. Saul's life so far.

- A. He was a persecutor (8:1-3)
 1. He approved the death of Stephen (8:1)
 2. He attempts to destroy the church (8:2-3)
- B. He was a hater (9:1-2)
 1. He hated Christians (9:1)
 2. He traveled just to persecute Christians (9:2)

II. Saul's visitor on the road

- A. What he sees (v.3)
 1. He sees a brilliant & blinding light from heaven.
- B. What he hears (v.4-6)
 1. "Why are you persecuting me?" - Jesus
- C. The results (v.7-9)
 1. Saul's traveling companions lead him into Damascus blind.
 2. He takes neither food or water for three days.

III. What he had to do.

- A. The Messenger (v.10-16)
 1. Ananias is told to go to Saul (v.10-12)
 2. Ananias response & God's reassurance (v.13-16)
- B. Saul's response (v.17-18)
 1. Saul is healed of blindness (v.17-18a)
 2. Saul is redeemed (v.18b)

Conc:

1. Saul was a man who did much wickedness. However, he changed and so can anyone who is confronted with the truth.
2. We must be those who are always ready to obey the truth and put sinful ways behind us.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.