

# WE BUILT THESE CITIES

LESSONS FROM PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS



DAMASCUS, SYRIA



SET **APART**

aka

CHOSEN **2.0**

HAVE YOU BEEN

CHOSEN

FOR SOMETHING?

*PREVIOUS  
SERMON*

ONE MAN  
SET APART  
TO PREACH  
**CHOSEN**  
TO SUFFER

HIS NAME

**SAUL**

**ACTS**

**9**

# THE THREATS

## Acts 9:1-2 NIV

[1] Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out **murderous threats** against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest [2] 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.

# THE FLASHED LIGHT

## Acts 9:3-6 NIV

[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."

# THE BLINDNESS

## Acts 9:7-10 NIV

[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. [10] In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.



# THE REPUTATION

## Acts 9:11-14 NIV

[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 saints in Jerusalem. [14] And he has come here with authority from the chief priests **to arrest** all who call on your name."

**#1**

ONCE

**INTIMIDATED**

BUT NOW

**UNDAUNTED**

# THE CHOSEN ONE

## **Acts 9:15-16 NIV**

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

# THE BAPTISM

## Acts 9:17-19 NIV

[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.

ANANIAS

**CHOSEN**

TO PREACH



THE MOST

**INTIMIDATING**

PERSON

CAN YOU

**FORGET**

THAT PERSON?

**#1**

ONCE

**INTIMIDATED**

BUT NOW

**UNDAUNTED**

**#2**

ONCE

**DOUBTED**

BUT NOW

**CONVINCED**

# THE PREACHING

## Acts 9:20-22 NIV

[20] **At once** he began to **preach** in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. [21] All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" [22] Yet Saul grew more and more **powerful** and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by **proving** that Jesus is the Christ.



AT ONCE

**SAUL**

PREACHED

PAUL WAS

**TRANSFORMED**

IMMEDIATELY

HOW

**CONVINCED**

ARE WE?

HAVE WE

**STOPPED**

SHARING?

**#2**

ONCE

**DOUBTED**

BUT NOW

**CONVINCED**



**#3**

ONCE

**PERSECUTING**

BUT NOW

**PERSECUTED**

# THE PLOT TO KILL

## Acts 9:23-25, 29 NIV

[23] After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired **to kill** him, [24] but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order **to kill** him. [25] But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall....

[29] He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried **to kill** him.

THE

**PERSECUTION**

BEGINS

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BECAUSE THE

**TRUTH**

WAS PREACHED

GODLINESS=PERSECUTION

**2 TIM 3:12**

[12] In fact, everyone who wants to live a **godly** life in Christ Jesus will be **persecuted**...

**#3**

ONCE

**PERSECUTING**

BUT NOW

**PERSECUTED**

FOR MANY  
ARE INVITED

BUT FEW ARE  
**CHOSEN**

**Matthew 22:14 NIV**



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