

## Let Them Hear

Lesson Four • Acts 9:1-20

### A Megaphone for Mercy and Grace

#### The Worst of Sinners Saved for You

Saul's conversion to Jesus Christ is a MEGAPHONE to amplify God's mercy and grace for you.

*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life. 1Timothy 1:15-16*

#### From Murderer to Missionary

Saul was a PERSECUTOR of the Church and opposed to Christ, but became a PROMOTER of the Church and proclaimed Christ.

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## 1. Hear God's Mercy for You in His PATIENCE with Saul!

- Saul's background: he was very RELIGIOUS.

*If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. Philippians 3:4-6*

- Saul's brutality: he was very DANGEROUS.

*Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Acts 9:1-2*

## 2. Hear God's Grace for You in His POWER to Save Saul!

- Saul was CONFRONTED by Jesus Christ.

*As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Acts 9:3-5*

- Saul was CONVICTED by the Spirit.

*Then the Lord said, "It is hard for you to kick against the goads." (Acts 26:14) So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" And the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city,, and you will be told what you must do." Acts 9:5-6*

- Saul was COMFORTED by the Church.

*And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 9:17*

*Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Acts 9:19*

- Saul was CONFIRMED by life-change.

*Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Acts 9:20*

#### Do Hear God's Mercy and Grace for You?

- Your past does not disqualify you from God's saving GRACE.

*Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 1Timothy 1:13-14*

- Your past does not disqualify you from God's future SERVICE.

*"Go, for he [Saul] is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings and the children of Israel." Acts 9:15*