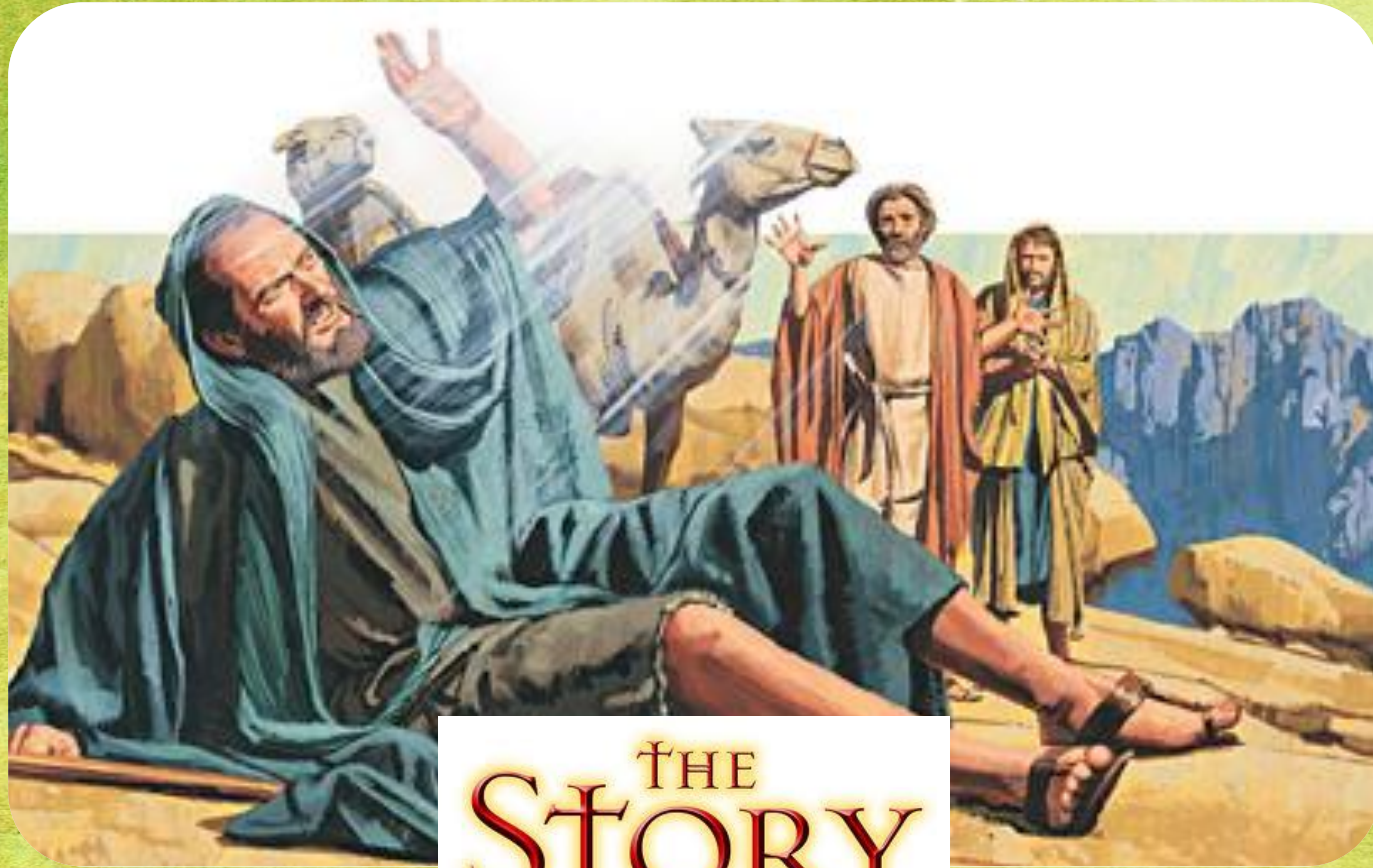


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STORY

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³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.



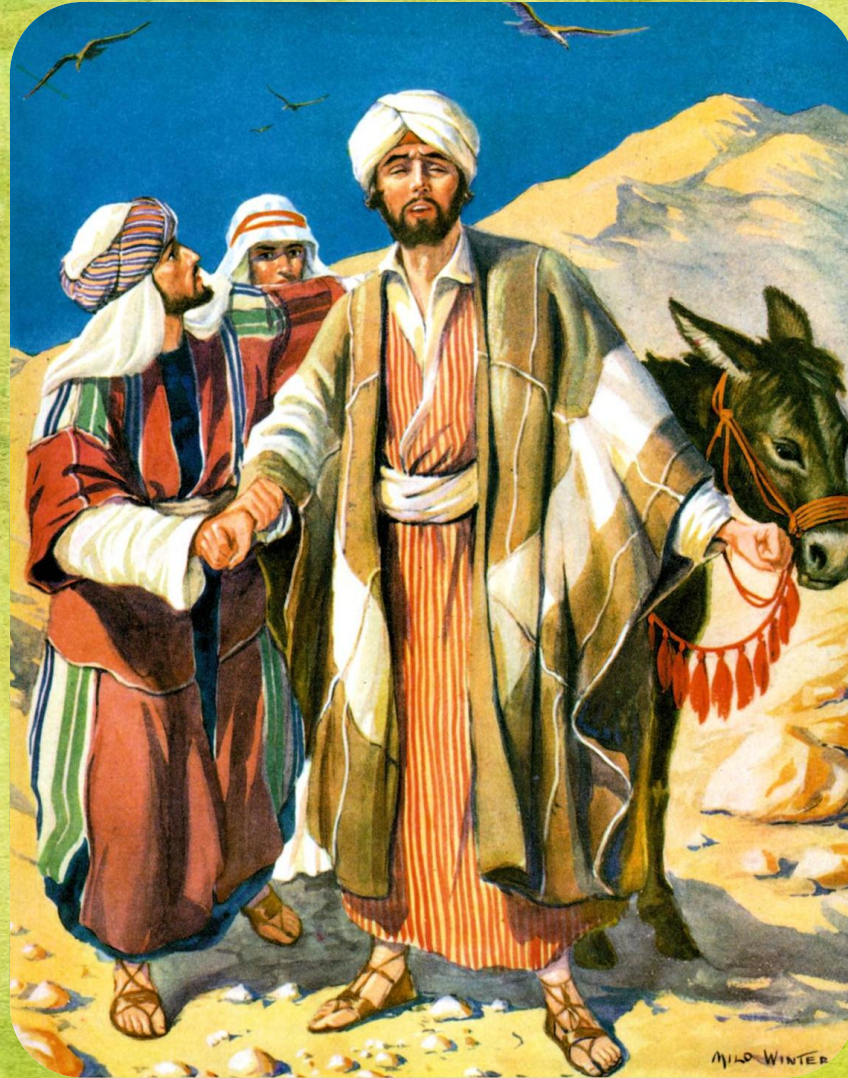
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11 So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus,



I. The Profile of Saul of Tarsus



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- He was a tent maker
- He was a Roman citizen
- He spoke in Hebrew
- He understood the Greek culture and the Greek language
 - He was a religious man
 - He is saying I am as Jewish as you can get



Philippines 3:3

⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless..



I. The Profile of Saul of Tarsus

- **First of all, I am circumcised on the 8th day I was a Jewish male brought under the covenant of Judaism**
 - **He was a Pharisee**
- **He studied under the president of the Sanhedrin, Gamaliel**



I. The Profile of Saul of Tarsus

- He was present at the martyr of Stephen
- His heart was hardened against the truth
- Have you noticed that the more religious a person gets, the more im-per-vi-ous they become



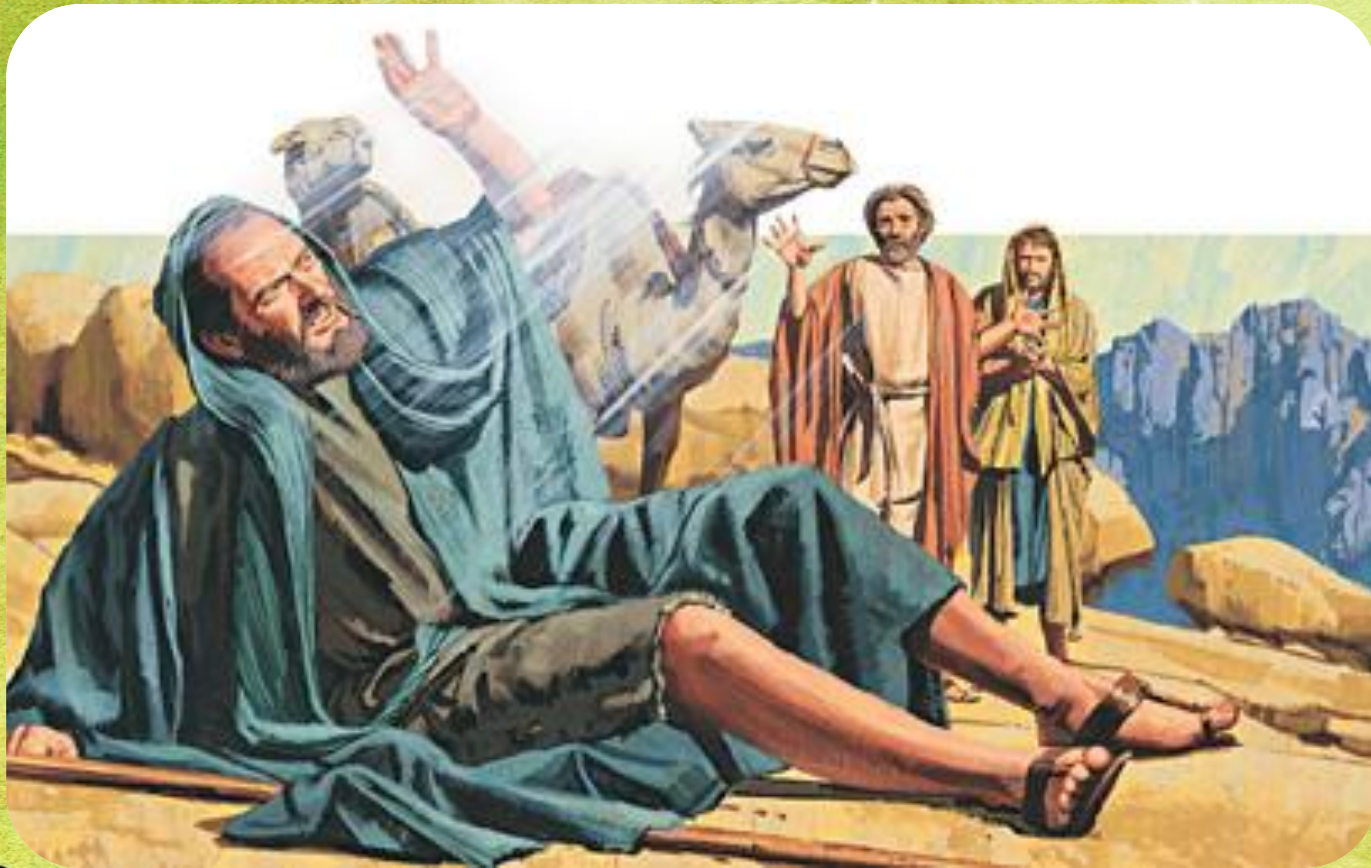
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III. Paul's Penitence



I Timothy 1:12

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.



I Timothy 1:12

¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



IV. Paul's Priorities

Philippians 3:7

⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ



IV. Paul's Priorities

Philippians 3:9

⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,



IV. Paul's Priorities

**A good thing can become a bad thing if it
keeps you from the best thing**



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In the amplified Bible

¹⁰ [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly

