

Acts 9: Applications

- Jesus and the Church: (9.4) ---Saul persecuted the church; Jesus said, “Why are you persecuting Me?”
- Anyone can be saved (9.10-19); Saul even killed Christians.
- A Certain Disciple (9.10)
 - Just an ordinary disciple
 - He was available and the Lord used him (See 22.12).
- Hurdles: Saul faced a tough road
 - The Jews plotted to kill him
 - He sneaked out of town in a basket at night
 - He was rejected initially by the Christians
 - Get up and keep trying
- The Importance of the Church Family
 - Newborn creatures require continual attention
 - God provided this care through a spiritual family, the church.
 - The mortality rate of new Christians is great
 - Christians are “born again” (John 3.5), is added to the family...the church (Acts 2.47).
 - Paul spoke of the “household of God” which is the church of the living God (1 Tim.3.15)
- Increasing in Strength
 - Babes in Christ must grow stronger through studying God’s Word
 - 2 Tim.3.15; 2 Tim.2.15; Acts 17.11;
- Use What You Have To Do What You Can (9.36-43)
 - Some of us, because we cannot do great things for the Lord, do nothing.
 - If we cannot be like Peter, we will be nobodies.
 - 2 Men came to Peter (9.38)...they were messengers who used their legs and mouth
 - They had a disposition to use what they had
 - Dorcas:
 - She may not have been multi-talented
 - She had a needle, thread, some material, and the ability to sew
 - She had an attitude of doing what needs to be done without being asked
 - Gal.6.10: “As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...”
 - Simon the Tanner:
 - Tannic acid used to tan skins affects the people who use it
 - His house smelled; tanners had to live at least 50 yards outside the city.
 - He offered Peter a place to stay; “he stayed many days with him...”

