

Saved to Serve Notes
Acts 9:20-31
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Main Point: God saves us so we will serve Him.

A Disciple's Exercises

1. Be _____ others (vs. 19).
 - A disciple is “a believer who lovingly follows Jesus and intentionally helps others follow Him.”
2. Bear _____ (vs. 20-21).
 - Paul _____ started proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues.
 - This word means “straight away, at once.”
 - His first message was the deity of Christ.
 - Verse 21 tells us “all who heard him were amazed.”
 - This word literally means “struck out of their _____.”
3. Begin _____ (vs. 22).
 - He “kept increasing” as he grew more and more capable.
 - People were “_____,” which means “baffled to the point of uproar.”
 - The word “_____” has the idea of “demonstrating by bringing together” and was used of “knitting together” (Acts 17:3, 18:5).
 - We know from Galatians 1:17-18, he spent three years in Arabia.
 - Most commentators believe this period of time took place between Acts 9:22 and Acts 9:23.
4. _____ yourself for opposition (vs. 23-24).
 - Opposition and adversity are themes throughout the Book of Acts (13:50, 14:2, 14:19, 23:12).
 - There is no way to follow the Savior and somehow get a pass on suffering (2 Timothy 3:12).
 - We must _____ ourselves to exercise our faith. We are not meant to do all this alone.

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1. _____ a brother or sister out (vs. 25).
 - They lowered him down in a basket through an opening in the wall.
 - Be flexible.
 - Be faithful.
2. Bring a brother or sister _____ (vs. 26).
 - The saints were _____ of Saul's salvation.
 - Barnabas means “son of _____.”

- Encouragement literally means “to put _____ into someone.”
 - Barnabas spoke up on Saul’s behalf.
3. _____ a brother or sister along (vs. 30).
- “They brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.”
 - Caesarea was the coastal capital of a Roman province and the home to the Roman procurator.
 - Sometimes we need to _____ a brother or sister get to where God wants them to go.

Key Result Areas (Acts 9:31)

1. This is the third of seven progress reports in the Book of Acts (2:47, 6:7, 12:24, 16:5, 19:20, 28:30-31).
2. Paul used the singular “_____” and not “churches.”
 - This shows believers are part of _____ united church (Ephesians 4:4-6).
3. Five results
 - _____ – The church experienced “peace” (Joshua 21:44).
 - _____ – The church was “built up” or constructed (Romans 14:19).
 - _____ – Believers walked in “the fear of the Lord.”
 - Tim Keller – “To fear the Lord means to be in _____ and wonder of his greatness and love.”
 - A proper reverence of the Lord leads to reflection and _____ of sin (2 Corinthians 7:1).
 - _____ – The believers received the “comfort of the Holy Spirit.”
 - “Comfort” can be translated as, “exhortation or encouragement.”
 - It literally means “to be called to one’s _____.”
 - The Holy Spirit will come alongside, and dwell within, and _____ leave us (John 14:16-17).
 - _____ – The church was multiplied.
 - “Multiplied” means “to increase in magnitude by making _____” (Acts 16:5).

The key is to keep doing the spiritual exercises required of a disciple!