

**Saved to Serve Notes**  
Acts 9:20-31  
Rev. Brian Bill  
September 26-27, 2020

**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.

**A Disciple's Exercises**

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!**