

## SAUL MAKES A TRADE

Acts 9.15-30 // November 13, 2022

### ENEMIES BECOME FRIENDS

The Lord tells Ananias that He will show Saul how much he will have to suffer for the Name of Jesus. And this suffering begins immediately. Right away, the Jews who just days before would have been on Saul's side, aiding him in capturing other Jews who had become Christians, have now turned against Saul and are seeking to have him killed.

**Not only has the hunter become hunted by the Lord Himself,  
but now even those he hunted have become his hunters.**

Acts 22.19-21

The good news for Saul, however, is that the believers in Damascus were now with him and helping him, and sending him to Jerusalem, despite some initial reservations and hesitancy, the apostles there also welcome him into the family.

### FRIENDS BECOME ENEMIES

But as great as this new family is, that previous enemies have become friends, a new reality is upon him: his friends have become enemies. The Hellenists in Jerusalem were likely the same group that had Stephen killed, and these would have been peers and companions of Saul's.

Luke 18.18-30 // Luke 14.16-27

Philippians 4.11-13 // Romans 8.35-39

### TRADE-OFFS

Right away amidst Saul's conversion, there are trade-offs he is making. The Lord is giving, but He is also taking away. For us, we can know that the Lord will always provide for us exactly what we need, even when we have lost something that had great value and importance to us. He will give us all we need.

Philippians 2.12, 13 // Luke 9.23-27

**The only real sacrifice is to live outside the will of God.**

David Livingstone

#### **Worthwhile Trade-Offs We Will Never Regret:**

- Devotion to the Word: A reading plan, memorizing Scripture, making time in the morning, reading with others.
- Time in Prayer: Praying throughout the day for anything and everything, memorizing the Lord's Prayer, praying with others more frequently.
- Time with People: Committing to a CG, having coffee or dinner with others, reaching out to those who need Christ.

## NOTES:

#### **This Week's Scripture to Memorize:**

**Romans 5:8**

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 9.15-30**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

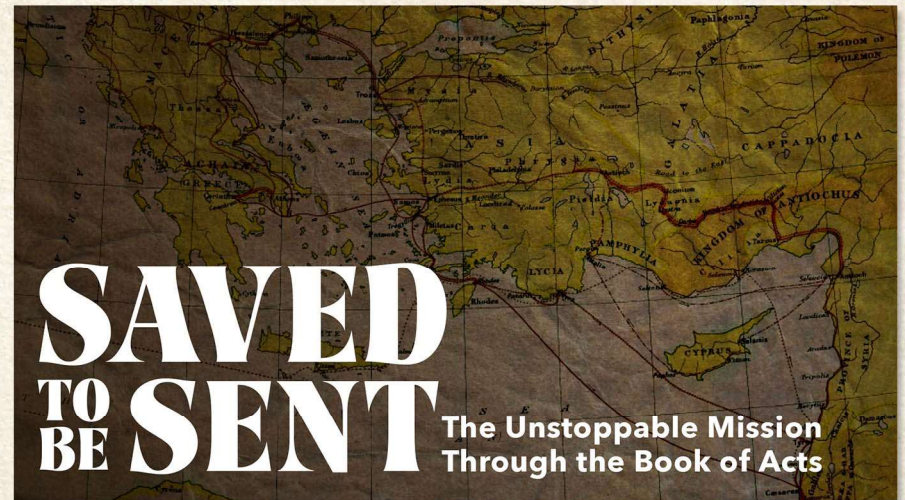
What trades have you made in your life that God brought about great blessing and treasure? What was hardest about that trade? What areas of life do you currently see where you need to trust the Lord for increase in your faith to make other trades?

### Your Life Mission

One of the trades we should make is increasing our time with others. Like Saul, we might find ourselves with opposition, but we can trust in the Lord's provision in the face of those trials. What relationships are currently in your life that you could use prayer for to pursue that purpose that God has given you?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
  - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
  - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
  - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
  - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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