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The Road To Transformation

Jesus Himself Confronted Him Personally

Acts 22:19-20 - *“But Lord,’ I argued, ‘they certainly know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. ²⁰ And I was in complete agreement when your witness Stephen was killed. I stood by and kept the coats they took off when they stoned him”*.

God Had Other Plans For Saul

Saul Responded In Obedience To Jesus’ Words

Galatians 1:15-16 - *But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him ¹⁶ to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles...*

Galatians 6:14 - *But as for me, may I never boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Saul’s Heart And Life Was Affected By Just One Encounter With Jesus

Suffering With, And For, Jesus Was Worth More Than Anything He Could Ever Be

Philippians 3:7-11 - *I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!*

His Entire Life Direction Was Transformed By The Power Of God

Paul Knew That He Would Suffer For Jesus’ Sake

Romans 8:18 - *Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.*

One Cares More About What God Wants Than What The Self Wants

Acts 8:3 - *But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.*

Acts 26:10 - *...I caused many believers there to be sent to prison. And I cast my vote against them when they were condemned to death.*

Acts 22:10 - *“What shall I do, Lord?”*

God Calls Us To Responsibility, Not Relief

Ephesians 3:7 - *By God’s grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.*