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BIBLE STORIES Pt. 2 |

Timeless truths of God's Power, Protection + Faithfulness

**PART V: THE POWER OF A TRANSFORMED
LIFE – SAUL OF TARSUS**

📖 **SCRIPTURE:** ACTS 9:1-22

key theme: As part of God's mission of building disciples among all nations, God strategically orchestrates transformational encounters in our lives. But each of us has to respond in obedience to what God reveals.

1) **God orchestrates divine encounters that lead us to confront the events of our past and the direction of our future.**

Saul was a very religious man, but God appeared to him to show him how his religion got in the way of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

2) **God strategically uses other individuals as part of our transformation process**

God used the men traveling with Saul and a disciple of Christ called Ananias to effect transformation in the life of Saul. Each had a role that was critical no matter how insignificant it appeared to the individuals.

3) **God's choices reflect his grace, wisdom, and foreknowledge**

God chose Saul as a reflection of God's grace. No one is outside of God's reach and no one is above God's transforming power. It was ironic that Saul, the one who was administering suffering was now going to be under the hand of suffering himself. However, this time it was going to be suffering for righteousness sake.

4) **God uses our individual experiences as part of our service towards Him**

Saul, being associated with both Jews and Gentiles, was trained in the OT Scriptures as well as the Greek philosophies and Roman laws. God was going to use this unique dynamic to accomplish His purposes. However, Saul had to fully yield himself over to God, so that God could transform his experiences for use in the kingdom of God.

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