

Devotional guide based the July 6th sermon: What's Your Story?

Day 1: Encountering Christ Reading: Acts 26:12-18 Devotional: Paul's dramatic encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus changed the course of his life forever. Like Paul, we all have our own "Damascus Road" moments - times when Christ reveals Himself to us in powerful ways. Reflect on a significant spiritual encounter in your own life. How did it change you? Today, be open to a fresh encounter with Jesus, allowing Him to redirect your path and renew your calling.

Day 2: Boldness in the Face of Opposition Reading: Acts 25:1-12 Devotional: Paul demonstrated remarkable courage when facing his accusers, even appealing to Caesar himself. This boldness came from his unwavering faith in God's plan for his life. What situations in your life require godly courage? Where do you need to stand firm in your faith, even when it's difficult? Remember, like Paul, your ultimate allegiance is to Christ, not to human authorities or popular opinion. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with boldness to live out your faith, even in challenging circumstances.

Day 3: God's Purpose in Our Suffering Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Devotional: Paul faced numerous hardships throughout his ministry, including imprisonment. Yet he understood that God could use even his suffering for a greater purpose. What difficulties are you currently facing? How might God be using these challenges to refine your character, deepen your dependence on Him, or create opportunities for witness? Ask God to give you His perspective on your trials, trusting that He can work all things together for good (Romans 8:28).

Day 4: The Power of God's Love Reading: Romans 8:31-39 Devotional: Despite all the opposition and hardship Paul faced, he remained convinced of God's unfailing love. This assurance gave him strength to persevere in his mission. Meditate on the powerful truths in today's reading. How does the reality of God's love impact your daily life? In what areas do you need to more fully embrace His love? Thank God for His unconditional love; and ask Him to help you live in the freedom and confidence that comes from being His beloved child.

Day 5: The Power of Christ Crucified Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Devotional: Paul's message was simple yet profound: Christ crucified. In a world that values complexity and human wisdom, the simple truth of the gospel remains our most powerful tool. Reflect on the core of your faith - Jesus' death and resurrection for your salvation. How does this

truth impact your daily life? Ask God to help you center your life on this fundamental reality, trusting not in human wisdom but in the power of God. Consider how you can share this simple yet life-changing message with others today.