

## **Acts 9**

**Real or Fake**

**Acts 9:21-43**

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### **1. GOD CAN \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS THROUGH YOUR TESTIMONY**

*Acts 9:21 (NKJV) Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"*

*Acts 9:22 (NKJV) But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.*

*Gal. 1:15-17 Paul immediately went to Arabia to be taught by Jesus the gospel according to grace.*

- 1) *He learned about Jesus (Obeying Jesus "What shall I do?" vs. 22-23).*
- 2) *He learned about the reality of ministry (Opposition vs. 23-25).*
- 3) *He learned about team ministry (Others vs. 26-40).*

### **2. BE A \_\_\_\_\_ OF HONOR**

*Acts 9:23-25 (NKJV) Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. 24 But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.*

### **3. REAL \_\_\_\_\_ IN A FAKE WORLD**

*2 Peter 1:16 (TLB) For we have not been telling you fairy tales when we explained to you the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. My own eyes have seen his splendor and his glory:*

*Luke 24:11 (TLB) But the story sounded like a fairy tale to the men—they didn't believe it.*

*Acts 9:26-30 (NKJV) And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. 29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. 30 When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.*

### **4. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF LIFE**

**Acts 9:31a (NIV) "Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace it was strengthened..."**

**Acts 9:31b (NKJV) "...And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied."**

### **Marriage Cycles of Life**

**Romance**

**Disillusionment**

**Awakening**

**Mature Love**

### **5. \_\_\_\_\_ALTERS FACTS**

**Acts 9:32 (NIV) As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda.**

**Acts 9:33-36 (NIV) There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. 34 "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. 35 All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. 36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.**

**Acts 9:37-43 (NIV) About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. 38 Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" 39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. 40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. 41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. 42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. 43 Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.**

### **Answers**

**1. AMAZE**

**2. VESSEL**

**3. FAITH**

**4. SEASONS**

**5. FAITH**