

# Sinner to Saint

(Acts 22:1-16)

- Introduction:
1. I am so thankful God chose to record and preserve the stories we read in the Bible.
  2. There are so many interesting characters, some playing major roles, others occupying minor roles, but all contributing to God's story.
  3. Many of these stories cause me to reflect, some cause me sadness, others give me hope, and others embolden me to be more courageous.
  4. In this lesson, I would like for us to remember a few facts the Bible records about the life of Paul.
  5. This man went from "the chief of sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15) to one who wasn't less than the most eminent apostles (Galatians 2:6-9).
  6. His story should give us all hope.

## I. His Sin

- A. (Acts 7:58) Held the coats of them who stoned Stephen.
- B. (Acts 8:1-3) Made havoc of the church.
- C. (Acts 9:1-2) Breathing threats and murder.
- D. (Acts 26:10-11) Compelled Christians to blaspheme.

## II. His Change

- A. (Acts 9:1-22) His encounter with Jesus.
- B. (Acts 20:22-24) He now proclaims the one he persecuted.

## III. His Challenge

- A. (Acts 26:27-29) I wish you were like me.
- B. (1 Corinthians 11:1) Be a follower of me.
- C. Can you make the same statement, and if you did, would people be better off or worse off for following you?

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, there's hope!
  2. No matter how sinful you have been, God's grace is sufficient!
  3. That's why we sing about it! "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!"
  4. If God's grace can save the "chief of sinners," surely it can save you.
  5. But it will require a change and a challenge to which you must commit yourself?
  6. Are you willing?