



Being with Jesus:

A Devotional From the Book of Mark

Week 3
Blind Faith

Day 3

Scripture

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything." — Acts 9:1-9

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for giving me spiritual sight. Thank You for getting me back on track when I start to leave the path. If there is anything in me that You would like to correct, please show me and forgive me for where I've lost the way. Amen

Reflection

Saul was a man who was very passionate about God. He thought that the Christian church was actually a bad thing. He was worried that they were teaching false things about God; but then, he met Jesus. While he was on his way to try to stomp out part of the church, Jesus showed up and physically blinded Saul. In his physical blindness, Saul saw the truth about Jesus.

After encountering Jesus, Saul became a totally different person. He changed his name to Paul, started telling people that Jesus was the Savior, and wrote a number of letters that ended up becoming part of the New Testament.

Sometimes God shows up in our lives and totally changes the direction we were heading. Has God ever stepped in and corrected you? Have you ever changed direction based something you felt God say or something you read in scripture? It's a good idea to always be open to hearing God. Read your Bible carefully. Listen to your pastor and other Christians in your life. You may find out that God wants to reveal something about your life to you.

Questions

Have you ever felt God convicting you over some behavior in your life?

Is there anything you think God wants you to change right now?

Do you ever pray for God to direct you to the right path?