

“Called by Christ, Shaped by Many”

The Call Sermon Series

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**Intro:** 13 of the 21 New Testament letters were written by \_\_\_\_\_.

*It could reasonably be argued that no other human, apart from Jesus himself, has had a greater impact on the world than Paul of Tarsus. – Rev. Adam Hamilton*

#### I. Who was Saul?

He was raised in a \_\_\_\_\_ home and named after the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

His family were also R\_\_\_\_\_ citizens and his R\_\_\_\_\_ name was Paul.

As a young man, Saul’s devout religious family sent him to J\_\_\_\_\_ to study under the finest of the rabbis of the time, a man named Gamaliel. (Acts 22:3-5)

Saul was trained in the l\_\_\_\_\_ in the school of the Pharisees.

In Philippians 3:5-6, Paul describes himself as \_\_\_\_\_!

Acts 7:55-8:3, describes Saul before meeting \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. The Encounter with Jesus (Acts 9:1-9)

Saul was b\_\_\_\_\_ for t\_\_\_\_\_ days and did not eat or drink.



Sometimes we must become blind to what we think we know in order to see what is right in front of us.

#### III. An Unlikely Hero

Ananias is aware of who Saul is and is \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 9:10-14).

God’s plans are bigger than our fears. God chooses people we would not. (Acts 9:15)

God sends Ananias so that Saul might be f\_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17).

#### IV. The Result: A Changed Man (Acts 9:18-22)

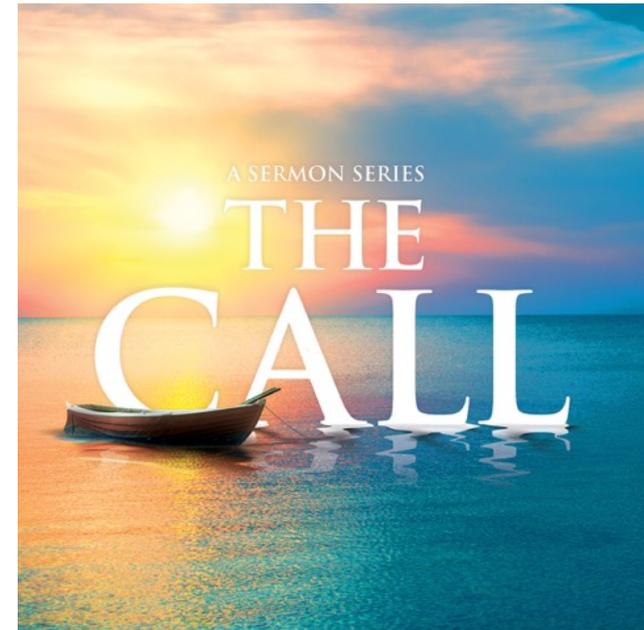
Paul is b\_\_\_\_\_ that same day!

The persecutor of the church is now leading Jews and Gentiles in following Jesus the Son of God.

What did Paul get for his miraculous transformation? (vs. 23-26)

**Action Steps:** How will you listen for The Call of the Spirit today?

When God calls you, say “\_\_\_\_\_!” Who is God calling you to?



So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acts 9:17-19 (NRSV)



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