

CONTAGIOUS

HOW FAITH SPREADS



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A SERMON SERIES IN ACTS

The image features a central circular graphic composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent layers. The colors transition from a bright yellow at the top, through orange and red, to a dark blue at the bottom. The text 'HAPPY FATHER'S DAY' is centered within this graphic in a white, bold, sans-serif font, arranged in three lines: 'HAPPY' on the top line, 'FATHER'S' on the middle line, and 'DAY' on the bottom line.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

- **The Ones Who Are Fathers-** Those men who are staying in the game with children of their own.
- **The Ones Who Stepped Up-** Those men who have stepped in to take care of—and play a fatherly role—for the children who aren't their own (stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, foster dads, etc.).
- **The Ones Who Are Grieving-** Those people who are grieving the loss of a father, navigating a strained relationship with their father, or navigating a life lived with an absentee father.
- **Those Ones Who Want To Be Fathers-** There are men who long to be fathers themselves. But for some reason, it hasn't become a reality yet.

Acts 9:1-9

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?”

Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads.”

⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Then the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my **witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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Saul was:

A Jew by birth

A Pharisee by Conviction

A Roman by Citizenship

A Greek by education

**Saul was groomed from birth to be a leader
... he was given exceptional educational
opportunities.**

Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me?

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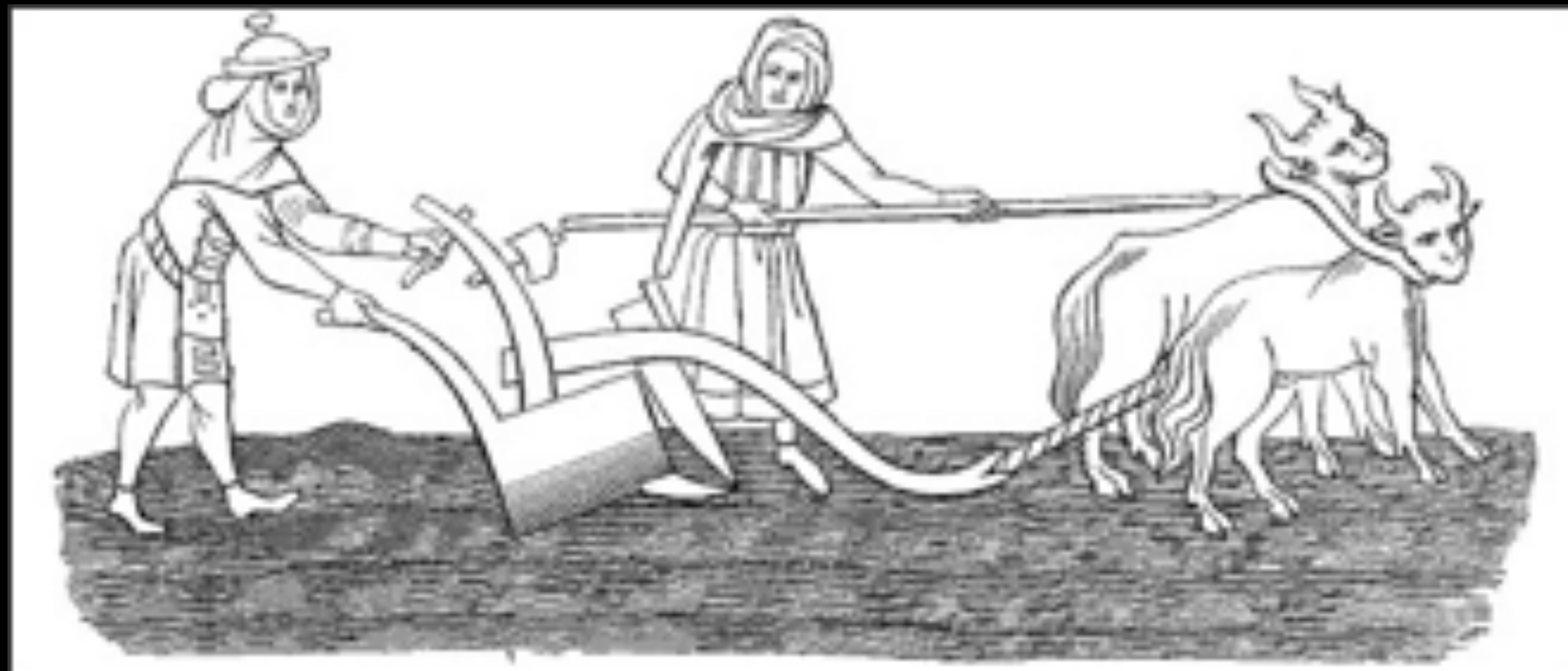
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It is hard for you to kick against the goads.



Goads take us to **Great!**

**True humility in Christ followers leads
to contagious faith.**

**Saul did not understand that it is impossible
to stop the Lord.**

We need **Goads**,

We need to be **Humble**,

We need the **Holy Spirit**,

We need to be **Light**

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