

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: No One Is Beyond God's Reach

### Devotional

Have you ever looked at someone and thought they were too far gone? Maybe it's a family member who seems hostile to faith, a coworker who mocks Christianity, or even yourself during a season of rebellion. Saul of Tarsus was Christianity's most aggressive persecutor, breathing threats and murder against believers. He had successfully imprisoned Christians and was traveling 130 miles to Damascus to continue his violent campaign. If anyone seemed beyond hope, it was Saul. Yet God had other plans. Sometimes the people who appear most resistant to God are actually closest to a life-changing encounter with Him. Their very intensity, even when misdirected, reveals a heart that God can redirect toward His purposes. Saul's passion for what he believed was wrong made him the perfect candidate for passionate service when he discovered the truth. Don't give up on anyone. Keep praying, keep loving, keep sharing God's truth. The same God who stopped Saul on the Damascus road is still in the business of dramatic transformation today.

### Bible Verse

'Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 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.' - Acts 9:1-2

### Reflection Question

Who in your life seems 'too far gone' for God to reach, and how might God be calling you to continue showing His love to them?

### Quote

No one is too far gone for God to save and use.

### Prayer

Lord, help me see people through Your eyes of grace and possibility. Give me patience and persistence to keep loving and praying for those who seem far from You, trusting that You can reach anyone, anywhere, at any time. Amen.

## Day 2: When God Gets Your Attention

### Devotional

Sometimes God has to knock us off our high horse to get our attention. Saul was riding confidently toward Damascus, armed with official papers and burning with religious zeal, when suddenly a light brighter than the sun knocked him to the ground. In that moment, everything changed. God's confrontation wasn't cruel—it was loving intervention. When we're heading in the wrong direction with such determination, sometimes a gentle nudge isn't enough. God loves us too much to let us continue destroying ourselves and others. His interruptions in our lives, though sometimes uncomfortable, are acts of mercy. Maybe you've experienced your own 'Damascus road' moment—a crisis, a loss, a sudden realization that stopped you in your tracks. Or perhaps God is trying to get your attention right now through circumstances, relationships, or that persistent inner voice you've been ignoring. When God confronts us, it's not to condemn but to redirect us toward His better plan.

### Bible Verse

'As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"' - Acts 9:3-4

### Reflection Question

Has God been trying to get your attention lately, and what might He be calling you to surrender or change direction on?

### Quote

Why does God confront us in sin? Why does he knock us off the high horse? Listen, it's because he loves you. It's ultimately because he loves you.

### Prayer

Father, help me be sensitive to Your voice and open to Your correction. When You need to redirect my path, give me the humility to listen and the courage to obey, knowing that Your plans for me are good. Amen.

## Day 3: The Moment Everything Changes

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"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked from the ground, and the answer changed everything: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." In that moment, Saul's entire worldview crumbled and rebuilt itself. Jesus wasn't just a dead teacher or a threat to be eliminated—He was the living God. This divine revelation is essential to every genuine conversion. We must see Jesus for who He truly is: not just a good man or moral teacher, but God Himself who died and rose again for our salvation. Saul thought he was serving God by persecuting Christians, but he discovered he was actually fighting against God. How often do we pursue our own version of righteousness, thinking we're pleasing God, when we're actually missing the point entirely? True salvation comes not through our efforts or religious activities, but through recognizing Jesus as Lord and receiving the righteousness He offers as a gift. When we truly see Jesus, everything else falls into perspective.

### Bible Verse

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.' - Acts 9:5

### Reflection Question

How has your understanding of who Jesus really is changed over time, and what difference does that make in how you live today?

### Quote

Every salvation must have a divine revelation. We first see who Jesus is, that he's not just a good teacher, he's not just a good man, he's not just a historical figure.

### Prayer

Jesus, open my eyes to see You more clearly each day. Help me move beyond seeing You as just a historical figure to experiencing You as my living Lord and Savior. Transform my heart as You reveal Yourself to me. Amen.

## Day 4: God Uses People in His Plans

### Devotional

After Saul's dramatic encounter with Jesus, God could have completed the transformation instantly. Instead, He chose to use Ananias, an ordinary believer, to pray for Saul's healing and welcome him into the Christian community. Ananias was understandably nervous—this was the man who had been hunting down Christians! But God assured him that Saul was now a chosen vessel for His purposes. This reveals something beautiful about how God works: He loves to include us in His redemptive plans. He doesn't need our help, but He chooses to use us anyway. Sometimes God calls us to minister to people we'd rather avoid, to extend grace to those who seem undeserving, or to take risks that make us uncomfortable. Like Ananias, we might initially resist, but obedience opens the door for God to work miracles through us. When we cooperate with God's plans, we become part of someone else's transformation story. The person you're hesitant to reach out to might be God's next chosen vessel, waiting for someone to show them Christ's love.

### Bible Verse

'In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.' - Acts 9:10

### Reflection Question

Who might God be calling you to reach out to or minister to, even if it feels uncomfortable or risky?

### Quote

God loves to use people in his plans. He doesn't have to, but he does.

### Prayer

Lord, give me the courage of Ananias to obey when You call me to minister to others, especially those I might naturally avoid. Help me see people through Your eyes and trust Your plans even when I don't understand them. Amen.

## Day 5: From Broken to Blessed

### Devotional

Saul's conversion wasn't just about personal salvation—it was about divine purpose. God told Ananias that Saul was a chosen vessel who would bear His name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. But there was more: "I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." God's calling often includes both privilege and pain, blessing and brokenness. Saul became Paul, the great apostle, but his ministry was marked by shipwrecks, beatings, imprisonment, and constant opposition. Yet he could say, "By the grace of God I am what I am." God often breaks us before He uses us powerfully. Our failures, struggles, and even our past sins become part of our testimony. What Satan meant for evil in your life, God can turn around for good. Your brokenness doesn't disqualify you from God's service—it often prepares you for it. The very experiences that brought you low can become the foundation for lifting others up. God has selected you, not despite your past, but because of how He can use your entire story for His glory.

### Bible Verse

'But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.'" - Acts 9:15-16

### Reflection Question

How might God want to use your past struggles or current challenges as part of your testimony to help others?

### Quote

God often will break a man. And then he apprehends this man, and then he fills him and uses him. And brokenness often is the pathway for God's blessing.

### Prayer

Father, help me trust that You can use every part of my story—even the broken parts—for Your glory. Give me the courage to embrace both the privileges and the challenges of serving You, knowing that You work all things together for good. Amen.