

Man On Fire

Acts 9:1-9 ESV: **1** But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest. **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. **4** And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” **5** “And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6** But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” **7** The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. **8** Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9** And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.”

Imagine you are used to doing things the same old way and an interruption in your life causes change to everything.

In the movie, Man on Fire, the main 2 characters collide and change each other's lives. John Creasy, an ex-CIA operator, meets Pita Romas. His life changes once he lets go of some old habits and begins to build a relationship with the youthful young girl. A shift transpires when an event occurs that has him injured and the little girl missing.

In this series, Saul is on his way to Damascus from Jerusalem. He has orders from the Chief Priest to capture or murder followers of Christ. But a shift occurs when Saul has an encounter with Jesus and Saul is blinded. Having to depend on his other senses, he listens and follows directions.

- God can discipline our I's/Eye's
 - We should watch how we use our I's/Eyes
- God can humble us
 - Your past may still be someone's present
- God can shift our lives, without shifting our passion
 - Whatever is in you, will spill out when you are passionate

Paul's life is an example of how we can overcome decades of what has been taught

(directly and indirectly). Once we encounter Jesus, and accept Him into our hearts, the best sermon we will ever preach is the actions of change to increase Kingdom activity.