

PAUL

AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH

Saul: Persecuting the Church

- Acts 7:58; 8:1-3; 9:1-2
- Acts 22:4-5
- Gal. 1:13

Lessons Learned from Saul

- It is possible to be faithful to the wrong thing
Acts 23:1; 26:9-11; Rom. 10:1-2
- Gives hope to sinners
1 Tim. 1:12-16
- Gives hope to the evangelist

Chose Faith in Christ Over Worldly Things

- Privileged: Acts 22:3; 5:34
- A Pharisee: Acts 26:5
- Chose obedience to Christ: Acts 26:19
- “Suffered the loss of all things”: Phil. 3:4-8

Why Did God Choose Saul?

- For his zeal
- For his knowledge of the Law and Prophets
- To encourage the early Church
- To reason with the Jews

A Faith That Moved Him To Evangelize

- Didn't waste any time in getting started:
Acts 9:18-20; 28-29
- Understood the importance: Rom. 10:14-15
2 Tim. 4:17; Acts 20:7-9
- Encouraged others to do the same: 1 Tim. 4:13
2 Tim. 4:2,5

A Faith That Would Not Compromise The Truth

- Received from Christ: Gal. 1:11-12
- Would not “tamper” with The Word of God:
2 Cor. 4:1,2; 13:8
- Standing up for the truth: Gal. 2:11-15
- Encouraged others to guard the truth: 1 Tim. 4:16
1 Tim. 6:20-21; 2 Tim. 1:13-14; 2:15; Tit. 2:1
- A warning to false teachers: Gal. 1:6-9

Faith In Prayer

- An important part of Paul's life: Acts 9:11
1 Thes. 3:10; 5:17 Col. 4:2
- Prayers of thanksgiving: 1 Thes. 1:2-3
- Prayers for his Christian brethren: 2 Thes. 1:11
- Requested prayers on his behalf: 2 Thes. 3:1
1 Thes. 5:25; Col. 4:3

A Faith..... Strong Despite Persecution And Suffering

- Foreshadowing: Acts 9:15-16
- Accepted it as the rule: 2 Tim. 3:12
- Would not be discouraged: 2 Cor. 11:23-28; 12:7-10
Phil. 1:12-14

Faith In Eternal Reward

- Anticipated his reward: 2 Cor. 4:16ff
- Sometimes torn: Phil. 1:21-24
- In death there is victory: 2 Tim. 4:6-8