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NEXT STEPS: FOLLOW JESUS DAILY

Take one _____ in the direction of God's activity this week.

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you & why?
2. How did the Lord overcome the obstacles mentioned today in Paul's story?
3. Which obstacle is most likely to keep you from stepping out in faith? How can what you heard today help you get past that obstacle?

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CORNERSTONE TOP THREE

Find the Top Three on the top of our app's opening screen (& linked from our home page). CornerstoneNH.org/app

1. **Upgraded Children's Check-in is here!** Beginning this Sunday, we've restored and enhanced the children's check-in process, enhancing the security of our children's ministry and to making it easier to page parents if they were ever needed. Bringing a new family or new family member? Pre-register them here: CornerstoneNH.org/ChildReg.
2. **You can KNOW God better.** When much is wrong in the world, wouldn't it be nice to know that God is setting all things right? In our next series beginning next Sunday, *Faithful*, we'll explore a little-known but significant portion of Scripture that addresses all that is wrong in the world and reveals God's plan to make all things new.
3. **Take notes online.** In addition to the printable version, you can now get the Growth Guide message notes in an online version in the app & online. Follow along. Fill in the blanks. Add your own notes. Reveal the correct fill-in-the-blanks. Email the completed notes with your additions to yourself. It's the Growth Guide, tailored to the digital world. Find it with each new sermon at CornerstoneNH.org/Worship.

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YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

"What's keeping me from going in God's direction?"

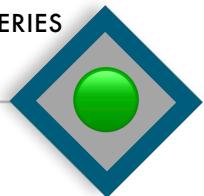
LET'S GO

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE 1.8

ACTS 9:1-28 • TODAY: OBSTACLES
[CORNERSTONENH.ORG/GOSERIES](http://CornerstoneNH.org/GOSERIES)

THE BOTTOM LINE

Just _____ ...



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5 NIV

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...regardless of your _____.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
– Romans 8:14 NIV

You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)
– Romans 8:9b NLT



When God Speaks

In examining the Bible for ways God involved men and women in His work, I recognized the three characteristics outlined below. When God spoke:

1. They knew it was God.
2. They knew what God was saying.
3. They knew what they were to do in response.



...They rushed at him and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul. – Acts 7:57-58 NLT

A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria.

– Acts 8:1 NLT

Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. – Acts 8:3 NLT

Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. – Acts 9:1-2a NLT

As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. – Acts 9:3 NLT

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" – Acts 9:4 NLT

"Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." – Acts 9:5-6 NLT

Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord!" he replied.

– Acts 9:10 NLT

The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again." – Acts 9:11-12 NLT

"But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! – Acts 9:13 NLT

...in spite of your _____.

And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel.

– Acts 9:14 NLT

ELPHANIAH 3:16 MATTHEW 1:2
MATTHEW 17:7 MATTHEW 28:17
LUKE 1:13 LUKE 1:30 LUKE 8:10
ACTS 27:24 REVELATION 1:1
GENESIS 11:6 GENESIS 15:1 JOEL 2:1
JOSHUA 1:11 GENESIS 35:17 EZE
GENESIS 26:24 GENESIS 35:17 EZE
NUMBERS 21:34 MARK 6:50 ACTS 18
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JUDGES 6:10 JUDGES 6:23 JOEL 2:2
1 SAMUEL 12:20 2 SAMUEL 9:7
2 KINGS 17:37 2 KINGS 17:38 1 CHRON
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CHRONICLES 20:17 2 CHRONICLES 3
3 ISAIAH 10:24 ISAIAH 35:4 NEHE
MIAH 1:24

So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

– Acts 9:17 NLT

...because everyone needs a _____.

They were watching for him day and night at the city gate so they could murder him, but Saul was told about their plot. So during the night, some of the other believers lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the city wall.

– Acts 9:24-25 NLT

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles... – Acts 9:26-27a NLT

He debated with some Greek-speaking Jews, but they tried to murder him. When the believers heard about this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus, his hometown.

– Acts 9:29-30 NLT

Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch.

– Acts 11:25-26a NLT

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." – Acts 13:2 NIV

OUR OBJECTIVES & NEXT STEPS

KNOW God

- **Worship** together weekly.
- **Follow** Jesus daily.

GROW Together

- **Connect** in a small group relationally.
- **Invite** others regularly.

GO Make a Difference

- **Serve** on a team monthly.
- **Give** a percentage consistently.

KNOW GOD
GROW TOGETHER
GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE