

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. Looking through today's Scripture, give an example of at least one situation, danger, or source of opposition that someone had to overcome to do what God was calling them to do.
3. How does today's message apply to you personally?

THE STORY WE'RE LIVING

We **inspire** & **equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better** and makes you better at life... and brings glory to God in the process. Join us!

THE PEOPLE WE'RE BECOMING

Jesus' followers are to be marked by **love**, take the **initiative**, and pursue **excellence**.

We are others-centered. Following Jesus means putting aside our comfort and preferences to serve others. We aim to express selfless concern through practical actions with sensitivity, kindness, and humility.

We are proactive. When we see a need, we don't make excuses or wait for an invitation, we leverage our resources for the benefit of others. We have a can-do, whatever-it-takes mentality.

We exceed expectations. We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people. We are always aiming to do more than what is required, take it up a notch, go above and beyond, and exceed expectations. Excellence is not perfectionism but simply doing the best you can with what you have.

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YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

CORNERSTONE ON SITE & CORNERSTONE ONLINE

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

“Have I put off something that I should get to?”

IN SPITE OF

TODAY'S MESSAGE

REBOOT PART 13

TODAY: OPPOSITION • ACTS 9:1-31

THE BOTTOM LINE

OPPOSITION IS _____ BUT
NOT _____.

In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. – 2 Timothy 3:12 CSB

GOD CHOSE THE _____ CONVERT...

Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. – Acts 9:1 NLT

...asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. – Acts 9:2b 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!" – Acts 9:5 NLT

...AND PUT HIM _____ TO WORK...

"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

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 9:15 NLT

And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake." – Acts 9:16 NLT

So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord 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

Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized." – Acts 9:18 NLT

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!" – Acts 19-20 NLT

...DESPITE _____, OPPOSITION & _____.

Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. – Acts 9:22 NLT

After a while some of the Jews plotted together to kill him. – Acts 9:23 NLT

Easter week observances at Cornerstone: Make plans now to join in and invite others to celebrate Easter at Cornerstone.

- **Combined Good Friday service with River of Grace Church & United Baptist Church on April 7.** At 7:30 PM at Christa McAuliffe School, our church and I (Pastor Brian) have been invited to participate in a multi-church Good Friday observance featuring meditations on the seven last sayings of Jesus on the cross and culminating in a communion celebration.
- **Easter Sunday is April 9.** Include a friend or family member that doesn't usually attend church. Invite them to ride with you and sit with you.

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. – Acts 9:26a NLT

Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles... – Acts 9:27 NLT

So Saul stayed with the apostles and went all around Jerusalem with them, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. – 9:28 NLT

He debated with some Greek-speaking Jews, but they tried to murder him. – Acts 9:29 NLT

When the believers heard about this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus, his hometown. – Acts 9:30 NLT

NEXT STEP

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO

" _____ "?

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The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers. – Acts 9:31 NLT