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**“The direction of
life matters”**

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 9:3-6 NIV



“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

Acts 9:3-6 NIV



The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing.

Acts 9:7-9 NIV



**So they led him by the hand
into Damascus. For three days
he was blind, and did not eat or
drink anything.**

Acts 9:7-9 NIV



Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acts 9:18-19 NIV



Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised

Acts 9:19-22 NIV



havoc in Jerusalem among
those who call on this name?
And hasn't he come here to
take them as prisoners to the
chief priests?"

Acts 9:19-22 NIV



Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Acts 9:19-22 NIV



Live a life with
PASSION

**If someone else thinks they
have reasons to put confidence
in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day,
of the people of Israel, of the
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of
Hebrews; in regard to the law,**

Philippians 3:4-6 NIV



a Pharisee; as for zeal,
persecuting the church; as for
righteousness based on the law,
faultless.

Philippians 3:4-6 NIV



**But whatever were gains to me I
now consider loss for the sake
of Christ. What is more, I
consider everything a loss
because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my
Lord, for whose sake I have lost**

Philippians 3:7-9 NIV



**all things. I consider them
garbage, that I may gain Christ
and be found in him, not having
a righteousness of my own that
comes from the law, but that
which is through faith in**

Philippians 3:7-9 NIV



**Christ—the righteousness that
comes from God on the basis of
faith.**

Philippians 3:7-9 NIV



Live a life with
PURPOSE

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-14 NIV



**... Forgetting what is behind and
straining toward what is ahead,
I press on toward the goal to
win the prize for which God has
called me heavenward in
Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 3:10-14 NIV



Live a life with
PEACE

My Christian brothers, you should be happy when you have all kinds of tests. You know these prove your faith. It helps you not to give up. Learn well how to wait so you will be strong and complete and in need of nothing.

James 1:2-4 NLT

