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Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised 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 9:22 <sup>NIV</sup>

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LEADER: *This is the word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: ***Thanks be to God.***

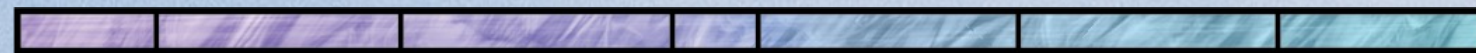


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### **PHILIPPIANS 3:4-6** <sup>NIV</sup>

...though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.



## **JOHN 9:39-41** NIV

Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”  
<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.”



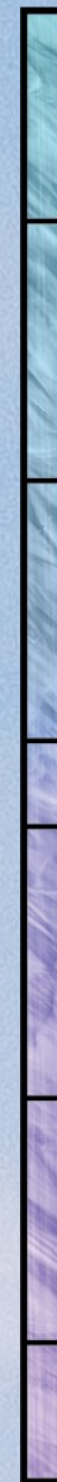
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## 1 TIMOTHY 1:13-14 NIV

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.



**ACTS 26:17-18a** <sup>NIV</sup>

“I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. **I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light...**”



## **ROMANS 12:1-2** <sup>NIV</sup>

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.  
<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.



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