

CHRISTIANITY TAKES COURAGE

Part 4

“It Takes Courage to Embrace a Sinner”

Acts 9

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James Montgomery Boice writes,

We should be greatly encouraged by the fact that God saved Saul. God turned this great persecutor of the early Christians into the first great missionary. He took the man who had been doing most to harm the church and turned him into the man who did most to build it up. If God could do that with Saul, God can do the same thing today. If you have a son or daughter whom you are worried about, a child who is off somewhere not serving the Lord, or a husband or wife who is unconverted, keep praying for him or her. God can (and frequently does) do something remarkable.¹

BECOMING A GOSPEL AGENT OF CHANGE

- An Agent of Change Must Believe in Forgiveness. (vv. 1-2)

Key: Anyone is a candidate for heaven.

- An Agent of Change Will Encounter Fierce Opposition. (v. 4)

Key: Jesus takes the persecution of His people personally.

- An Agent of Change Must Have a Submissive Faith. (v. 10)

Key: “Go and tell” means you leave your shell.

- An Agent of Change Must Extend Fellowship (v. 17)

Key: God consistently operates through relationship (human agents).