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Podcast Worksheet
Saul's Moment in the Light

Scriptural Text:

Acts 8:1a; 9:1-19; Romans 9:32; Galatians 1:15-18a

Main Points:

1. God was offended and hurt that Saul was following the wrong belief system.
2. God had been trying to get Saul's attention about his false beliefs, but Saul resisted him.
3. God is always pursuing us with his love and his truth.
4. After his encounter with Jesus, Saul allowed his beliefs to be altered, surrendering his pride.
5. It is important we allow Jesus to have regular access to our thoughts and beliefs.
6. It is God's normal mode of operation that he strips away the false before he puts the new truth in place. The transition time in between is extremely uncomfortable.
7. Until we receive Jesus and his Holy Spirit, we are blind. Only in Christ can we see truth.
8. Once God did a redemptive work in Saul, then all his natural zeal and passion could be unleashed to change the world.
9. One of the biggest paradigm shifts Saul needed to make was from works-based salvation to grace-based salvation. He had to know even his sins were forgiven by Jesus.
10. In order for Saul to allow God to work through his life, he had to reject many lies about his identity such as: *There is no way God can use me after what I've done. God could never forgive me for all the terrible things I've done. He can't use me!*
11. Before Saul could begin his new assignment, he had to: humble himself, listen to God, accept he had false beliefs, and accept God's love and grace were big enough to use even him.

Questions:

1. Think about Saul's uncomfortable transition from following the wrong beliefs to following the One True God. In what ways can you relate?

2. List any false beliefs that cause you to struggle today.

3. Do you believe without hesitation that God loves you and desires to use your life, even considering sins you've committed? If not, can you identify the lies you are believing? Take a moment to admit these things to God and receive his healing.

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, please move the Holy Spirit in me to show me where I am still attached to false beliefs. I give you access to my heart and mind. Help me surrender my pride and walk in humility before you. I want to know the joy of serving you and living in the plan you have for my life. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to: