



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High
Title: A Life On Trial, Part 4
Lesson: 141

Text: Acts 26:19-32
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1. Who he was (4-5)
2. What he believed (6-8)
3. His persecution of the church (9-11)
4. What Jesus did (12-18)

He pursues us.
He confronts us.
He reveals Himself to us.
He transforms us.
He sends us.

5. How Jesus changed his life (19–23)

19 “So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,

“So” - ESV “Therefore” - ANT - Wherefore”

True salvation will bear the fruit of willing _____.

“How do I know if I’m saved”

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father** who is in heaven will enter.

1 John 2:3–4 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

1 John 3:10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

“practice” - present tense

Romans 6:17–18 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became **obedient** from the heart

“from the heart”

to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been freed from sin, you became **slaves of righteousness.**

John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

20 but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles,

20b. that they should repent and turn to God,

“repent” -

“turn to God”

Repent➡ Turn to God
Darkness➡ Light
Dominion of Satan➡ God

20c performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

2 Corinthians 7:10–11 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

- Godly sorrow

- Worldly sorrow

11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

Godly sorrow doesn't leave us paralyzed by guilt; it produces a zeal to _____ righteousness.

Luke 1:16–17; Acts 9:35; 11:21; 14:15; 15:19; 2 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 Peter 2:25

21 “For this reason some Jews seized me in the temple and tried to put me to death.

22 “So, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place;

23 that the Christ was to suffer,

THE [christo] - THE Anointed One

and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

“light”

Isaiah 49:6 He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a **light of the nations** So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

24 While Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad.”

Why do people respond that way?

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

25 But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth.

26 “For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner.

27 “King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do.”

28 Agrippa replied to Paul, “In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian.”

29 And Paul said, “I would wish to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains.”

“I would wish to God”

30 The king stood up and the governor and Bernice, and those who were sitting with them, 31 and when they had gone aside, they began talking to one another, saying, “This man is not doing anything worthy of death or imprisonment.” 32 And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

Implications

1. A faithful gospel witness never _____ to accomplish God’s purpose.

Isaiah 55:10–11 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

2 Corinthians 2:15–16 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?

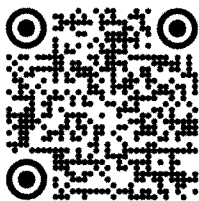
2. Our personal testimony can be an effective way to

Paul's testimony is a great model for evangelism:

1. Our life before Christ
2. How we encountered Christ
3. Presentation of the gospel
4. How Christ has changed our life
5. We call for a response.

Discussion Guide

1. Why is easy-believism so common, and what evidence of transformation should be visible in the life of someone who has truly been saved?
2. Paul's message called people to "repent and turn to God" and to perform deeds appropriate to repentance. What happens if someone claims to repent but doesn't turn to God? And what happens if someone claims to turn to God but doesn't genuinely repent?
3. Why do believers typically only see a positive response to the gospel as successful? How are we successful when someone rejects the gospel? How does this challenge the way we measure the "success" of our own evangelism?
4. Paul's witness did not result in an obvious conversion, yet he remained faithful. How does this challenge the way we measure the "success" of our own evangelism?



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ANSWERS: Obedience, pursue, fails, evangelize