

Getting Past Our Past
June 28-29

“This is what the Lord says, ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’” Jeremiah 6:16

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” Matthew 7:13-14

The Life of Saul

1. An Eventful _____

“And when they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul...And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.” Acts 7:58, 8:1a

“And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.” Acts 8:1b

“Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord...” Acts 8:3, 9:1a

“And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them. And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities.” Acts 26:10-11

2. A Genuine _____

“And when he had come to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.” Acts 9:26

3. An Amazing _____

“Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’ And all those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, ‘Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?’” Acts 9:20-21

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.” 1 Timothy 1:15-16

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.” Romans 4:7-8

Action Steps

1. Ask God to forgive our _____

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

2. Share it with _____

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.” James 5:16

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