

Signs Of Life

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Acts 9:1-19

1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. 11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." 13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." 17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

What do you remember about Saul's (Paul's) "conversion" story?

Why does Saul frequently go by the name Paul throughout the New Testament?

After re-reading the story in Acts and listening to today's sermon, how would you describe Saul's (Paul's) Damascus Road experience differently now?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - NO SERVICE ON MAY 28TH

PROJECT INASMUCH - DELAYED

We had planned to have a Project Inasmuch day coming up at Food City, but unfortunately, will have to be delayed. We will let you know new dates soon.

EXTREME BUILD 2023 - REGISTRATION FULL!

Dates for Extreme Build Kentucky this year are:

Pre-Build: June 6-10

Build: June 12-17

Registration available at <http://cbfky.org/extreme-build>

PASTOR SEARCH

Please pray for our pastor search process and team as they continue the work of finding our next teaching pastor. The search team is Jennifer Moore, Rhea Hart and Adney Cross.

GIVING

We have a new giving box on the wall next to the welcome table. Please feel free to drop your offering in the box each week. We are thankful that we are able to worship through our giving and see it bring so many blessings in our community.

We also have online giving now available. We have a non-profit giving account available through PayPal* (you do not have to have a PayPal account to give)

<https://paypal.me/eklovewell>

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COMMUNITY FOOD BOXES

May - Cross

June - Jones

July - Bradshaw

If your family or group is willing to help in this way, or if you need further information, please contact Jonathan Overly (jgoverly@gmail.com), or any Ekklesia elder.

Your church family wants to pray for you!
Send prayer requests to Terri Bradshaw at:
terri@eklovewell.org

