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Acts 9:1-14

Saul was a zealot. It means he was raised in the tradition of zeal, celebrating heroes like Phinehas. In Numbers 25, Phinehas stopped a plague against the Israelites by driving a spear through two disobedient people in the throes of passion. Their blasphemous act was ended in righteous violence, thus saving God's people.

This was the faith in which Saul was raised. He was ready to bring violence on Jesus and Jesus' people and take his place in the list of zealous heroes. But here, in Acts 9, everything changed.

No one is too far away to be reached by Jesus. The family member you're praying for. The friend. The child. The neighbor. Those who seem as far away as they could possibly be. Remember the zeal in which Saul was raised. Note the significance of the changed life that began on the road to Damascus. Remember that Jesus is capable of changing even the hardest of hearts.

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