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Acts 9:18-31

If anyone experienced full acceptance, it was Saul. His transformation was so profound that having "a Damascus moment" has become code for our about-face moments in life. Saul, a persecutor of Christians became Paul, an apostle of Christ.

The disciples were understandably skeptical. How could this man have a dramatic shift of values? overnight? Was this just a scheme to undermine their mission? They were justifiably frightened. Would he gain their trust only to turn them over to the authorities?

How do we respond to the Saul's in our circles? Do we feel powerless, coil back in fear of being persecuted? Jesus responds, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 6:44). Imagine tapping into the power of God to bring a Saul-becomes-Paul experience among ISIS fighters, human traffickers, or political leaders. Let's pray for a Damascus moment in our church, community, country, and world.

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