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Acts 9:1-19

At the peak of his wickedness, hunting down Christ's followers, the man who we know as the apostle Paul was shut down in a second. Stopped in his tracks on the road to Damascus, the man then called Saul was confronted by Jesus? a confrontation that changed the world.

We know about the end of the story? Paul's remarkable ministry and obedient suffering. We have had our spiritual thirst quenched by Paul's teaching.

But the end of the story is informed by the beginning, when Saul asks the question that must start every walk of faith: "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 9:5a).

Many may be more concerned about the what of faith before the who. Some wonder what they will have to do if they become a Christian. Others focus on what they will have to give up. Even mature believers may still focus more on what than who. They fix their eyes on what gifts they have or what blessings they need.

Saul's experience expresses the correct order. "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 9:5a) first, followed by "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do" (Acts 9:6).

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