



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: ACTS 26:12-18

TITLE: SEEING IS BELIEVING – OR – BELIEVING IS SEEING

INTRODUCTION

- A. **Seeing is Believing** (I Believe because I See) – or – **Believing is Seeing** (I See because I Believe) _____
- B. Sometimes you can see more with your eyes closed than with your eyes open _____

LIGHT FROM HEAVEN

- A. Light aids in the ability to see _____
- B. This light, hindered Paul’s ability to see _____
- C. This light, was no ordinary light _____
 - 1. It was a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, at noon
 - 2. It was the light of Jesus
 - 3. **Luke 2:32,** ³² *A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.*
 - 4. **John 1:4,** ⁴ *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*
 - 5. **John 8:12,** ¹² *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*
 - 6. **John 12:46,** ⁴⁶ *I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.*
- D. The light of Jesus is a light that blinds and a light that reveals _____
- E. How can light blind and reveal? _____

WHILE BLINDED, PAUL SAW

- A. Jesus revealed Paul’s Pride _____
 - 1. Paul had the authority and commission of the chief priests
 - 2. Paul was born into the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews and a Pharisee
 - 3. However, Paul was forced to the ground
- B. Jesus revealed Himself _____
 - 1. Jesus called Paul by name
 - 2. Jesus called Paul in his native tongue / local language
- C. Jesus revealed Paul’s problem _____
 - 1. Paul persecuted Christians and the church
 - 2. When you persecute Jesus’ people and Jesus’ church, you persecute Jesus
- D. Jesus revealed Paul’s calling _____
 - 1. To be a minister and a witness
 - a. Of the things which you have seen
 - b. Of the things which I will yet reveal to you
 - 2. Sent to the Gentiles to open their eyes
 - a. So they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.
 - b. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people...