

## Encountering God at Life's Turning Point

### ACTS 9 : 1 -9 (NASB)

- 1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,
- 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;
- 4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
- 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,
- 6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."
- 7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
- 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they
- 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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### PSALM 30 : 6 - 12 (NASB)

- 6 Now as for me, I said in my prosperity, **"I will never be moved."**
- 7 O Lord, by Your favor You have made my mountain to stand strong; You hid Your face, I was dismayed.
- 8 To You, O Lord, I called, And to the Lord I made supplication:
- 9 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your faithfulness?"
- 10 "Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me; O Lord, be my helper."
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,
- 12 That my soul may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

### PSALM 30 : 6 - 12 (NLT)

- 6 When I was prosperous, I said, **"Nothing can stop me now!"**
- 7 Your favor, O Lord, made me as secure as a mountain. Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered.
- 8 I cried out to you, O Lord. I begged the Lord for mercy, saying,
- 9 "What will you gain if I die, if I sink into the grave? Can my dust praise you? Can it tell of your faithfulness?"
- 10 Hear me, Lord, and have mercy on me. Help me, O Lord."
- 11 You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,
- 12 that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!

**PSALM 30 : 6 - 12 (MSG)**

- 6 When things were going great I crowed, "I've got it made."  
7 I'm God's favorite. He made me king of the mountain." Then you looked the other way and I fell to pieces.  
8 I called out to you, God; I laid my case before you:  
9 "Can you sell me for a profit when I'm dead? auction me off at a cemetery yard sale? When I'm 'dust to dust' my songs and stories of you won't sell.  
10 So listen! and be kind! Help me out of this!"  
11 You did it: you changed wild lament into whirling dance; You ripped off my black mourning band and decked me with wildflowers.  
12 I'm about to burst with song; I can't keep quiet about you. God, my God, I can't thank you enough.

**MARK 4 : 20 (NASB)**

- 20 "And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

**MARK 4 : 20 (NLT)**

- 20 And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

**MARK 4 : 20 (AMP)**

- 20 And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit-some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much.