

# Sermon Notes

## Saul to Paul: A Good Hope Vision Series Part 4

### October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- **Saul to Paul: A Good Hope Vision Series**
- **Week 1-2:** We got to know Saul, an angry young man. Then Jesus kicked down the door and Saul does a 180 and is on his way to becoming the Apostle Paul!
  - o VISION STATEMENT => Saul experienced all 3 in a short period of time!!
- **Week 3: Whatever It Takes**
- **Part 4: Paul the Mentor**
- Last time Paul was always not exactly the picture of the patient mentor: **Acts 15:36-41**
  - o Not necessarily against the teachings of Christ...**Luke 9:62**
    - What happens if you look back? Well, you won't plow straight that's for sure...
  - o By the way, this wasn't a totally broken relationship. **2 Timothy 4:9-11**
    - What about Barnabas?
- Paul was demanding, but he was a mentor to those who were willing to do whatever it takes.
  - o Paul's strategy: Find worthy people and entrust the Gospel message to them. **2 Timothy 2:1-2**
  - o Good Hope Church Empowerment Model: Focus on helping people reach their full potential.
    - 4 Models: Traditional, Relational, Attractional, and Empowerment Models.
    - Good ministries usually have all 4, but one stands out at their heartbeat.
    - Service Buffet! Check out ministry areas that you can be part of!
- Paul mentored Timothy.
  - o Paul's relationship with Timothy. **2 Timothy 1:1-7**
    - They had history together.
    - Timothy has a legacy of faith from his mother and grandmother.
    - Timothy has a call on his life, and Paul calls him up into that. **(v6-7)**
      - If I may, I would like to do some of that for you today!!
- Paul's vision of empowering others: Bishops, Deacons, and Members.
  - o Bishops and Deacons: **1 Timothy 3:1-10**
    - Not exactly sure of the precise definitions (probably loose anyway) of Bishop/Deacon.
      - But, Bishops might be pastors and Deacons more like volunteer ministry leaders.
      - MNSOM. Huge need for pastors in the northland!
  - o But, everyone is a part (a Member) of the Body of Christ: **Romans 12:1-8**
    - We all have a role. It can change over time...embrace God's plan for you right now.
    - Maybe you will be part of our Co-Location Ministry Model?? Seek it out for yourself!!
- Vision Statement: Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out.
  - o Everyone is looking for a mentor, but few feel ready to be a mentor.
    - In communication the power is in the listener.
    - With this, the power is in being willing to learn from others. Doesn't have to be official.
  - o Let's close with **2 Timothy 2:1-2** again.
  - o Make sure you have Christ as your first and preeminent mentor!!
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.