

Sermon Notes

Saul to Paul: A Good Hope Vision Series Part 5

October 15th – 16th, 2022

- **Saul to Paul: A Good Hope Vision Series**
- We are looking at some of the life of Paul the Apostle, his transformation and experiences...
 - o VISION STATEMENT => Saul experienced all 3 in a short period of time!!
- **Last Week: Paul the Mentor**
- **This Week: Win the Prize! (part 1 of 2 on this topic to finish out our series)**
- Paul calls us all up to follow Jesus like someone trying to win an athletic competition!
 - o Immediately after his “all things to all people” statement, we see **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**
 - o Have you ever run in such a way as to win the prize? Not just running, but running to win??
 - That’s one of the joys of high school and college sports. Let’s kids learn to win!
 - Wrestling was my sport as a kid, high school, and college. I loved it!!
- Ever accomplish something amazing? Win the title, get the degree, build the house, start the business, etc?
 - o What did it take to succeed? Drive, wisdom, opportunity, sacrifice, talent, consistency, etc...
 - What if every believer in Jesus ran in such a way as to win the prize?!??
 - Don’t be content riding the pine, get in the game!
 - o Ministry Buffet, but hey, just be who God has called you to be!
 - o Pastor Appreciation Month, these are people who have stepped up!!
 - Running to win the prize is way more fun than stagnating anyway!!
- Paul served Jesus in such a way to win the prize. **Phil 3:7-14**
 - o What happened in Philippi was an example of running in such a way as to win the prize.
 - o Mentioned it in Part 3. Let’s read what happened in Philippi:
 - Paul’s vision of the man of Macedonia. **Acts 16:6-10**
 - Lydia responds to the message. **Acts 16:11-15**
 - They run into some trouble. **Acts 16:16-24**
 - Interesting side note: no wondering if the girl still had her power or not...
 - In this situation, what does it mean to run in such a way as to win the prize??
 - Paul and Silas’ response and God’s response! **Acts 16:25-26**
 - Based on how you have responded to challenges in your life, how might you have responded in this situation?
 - Something quite remarkable happens. **Acts 16:27-30**
 - They were all there, and Paul knew they were all there. Wow, that is revival!!!
 - Their response to the Jailer and his kindness. **Acts 16:31-34**
 - At daybreak Paul stands up for himself and gets escorted out of Philippi.
- This situation and how Paul and Silas handled it should inform **Phil 3:13-14**.
 - o The Philippian church saw Paul live out his faith. How many of them were there that night??
- Then Paul calls them up too. **Phil 3:15-16**
 - o Let’s jump in on that and Rise Up as well!
 - o What does it mean for you to run in such a way as to win the prize today?
 - Finally surrender to God? Journal? Volunteer? Answer the ministry call?? Finally reject that lie? Live like you mean it? What is it? Let’s go get it!
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.