

# Sermon Notes

## Saul to Paul: A Good Hope Vision Series Part 3

### October 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

- **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 => Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out
    - Saul experienced all 3 in a short period of time!!
- **This Week: Whatever It Takes**
- In Week 2 we read **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**. Paul was a “whatever it takes” guy.
  - o All things to all people. Paul knew his life mattered.
    - BTW, Saul becomes Paul very simply...**Acts 13:9**. What does Paul mean??
  - o What was Paul the Apostle willing to do for the Gospel and for his Lord Jesus? **2 Cor 11:16-28**
    - Backstory: Paul being rejected by the Corinthians.
    - Pastor’s Appreciation Month and our staff pastors. Pink envelopes...
  - o Why was Paul so motivated?
    - Conversion experience for sure.
    - People say **2 Cor 12:1-5** is Paul talking about himself. Seems to be true on second glance.
      - Once you have a taste of eternity, the temporary loses much of its significance.
  - o Paul was motivated and he didn’t have much time for quitters. **Acts 15:36-41**
    - Wow, that’s pretty strong. We never hear Barnabas’ name again...
    - My point: Ministry and the ministry life are serious business.
- What does it take to succeed in advancing the Good News in today’s world?
  - o Missions, sharing your faith with others, tv, radio, YouTube, etc.
  - o Something I think God has for us at Good Hope is our Co-Location Ministry Model.
    - Do excellent ministry in difficult areas near us!!
      - Let’s solve the “working outside your calling” and the starvation problems.
    - Morgan Park. Ball Club. Another???
  - o I am comfortable saying we are blessed at Good Hope church. Why?? Blessed to be a blessing!!
    - **2 Corinthians 8:13-14, Luke 12:47-48**
    - Living the ministry life is serious business, but so is supporting those who minister.
      - Rural, MP, Eagles Landing ministries need to be excellent in today’s world.
      - For that to happen, we need to support those who go.
- Vision Statement again. Whatever it takes...
  - o Service Buffet! 4 things you need to do to grow in your faith. You may not be called to vocational ministry, but you are called to serve the Lord who shed his blood for you.
- Communion Scripture today: **Luke 22:42**. Jesus was a “whatever it takes” kind of guy too.
- Get personal prayer by emailing [prayer@goodhope.ag](mailto:prayer@goodhope.ag).