



Jesus Changes Everything

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INTRO. If you were beaten by an angry mob... what would you do next?
My daughter & me... we'd cry!

What Paul does is absolutely astounding! He doesn't condemn them, judge them, or curse them, OR run from them... • He convinces the Roman commander to let him share his testimony... • The story of how Jesus changed everything in his life... Why?? Because in this moment... he sees an opportunity to share the life-saving truth that faith in Jesus has the power to change everything... To change every thing about us... no matter how broken or put-together There's no one too far for God to reach... What about you... is there some part of your life you struggle to believe Jesus can change? Is there some person you can't imagine Jesus saving... You?

FOCUS. Let's look at how Jesus changes everything in Paul's life in 3 ways. **JESUS REVEALS OUR NEED.** Read vss 1-7. In v6-7... Jesus speaks to Saul... why do you persecute me? This is the moment Jesus let him know he was on the wrong path. Paul thought he was being a good person... religious... yet... was dead wrong.

Prov 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. For Jesus to change us... he has to reveal to us our need...

1) Sometimes Jesus helps us get in touch with our need at a surface level. • A circumstance that humbles us... shows us we're not in control... • Puts us in touch with our need for help... peace, guidance, freedom...

2) But eventually it has to get to our need to be right with God. • Notice the way Jesus speaks to Paul... there's a gentleness + directness. • He simply asks a Question... Why are you persecuting me... Jesus has questions for all of us? • "Why do you ignore me?" • "Why don't you trust me?" its intense... but its loving... cuz Jesus wants to reconcile us to himself.

JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF. Read vss 8-13. Paul is blinded and it speaks to his inability to properly see who Jesus is. • Maybe we see Jesus as a good teacher... prophet... but not God... • Maybe we are willing to concede he existed... crucified... but resurrected? • Maybe we know Jesus... but we've allowed something to obscure him...

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. By "god of this age"... Paul's talking about the Devil... who is running the longest misinformation campaign in history... Only Jesus choosing to reveal himself to us can open our eyes. So when Jesus heals him thru Ananias' prayer v13... Paul's sight is restored... now he sees everything clearly in the light of Jesus... Here's the good news... if you are hearing this... Jesus is revealing himself... I want to show you how... it may not be a vision like Paul... it could be:

1. Hardships in life that humble us and spiritually awaken us.
2. Curiosity can lead us to see Jesus. Zacchaeus who climbed a tree.
3. Holy Spirit. John 15:26 The Spirit of truth... will testify about me.
4. The Bible. John 5:39 These are the very Scriptures that testify about me...
5. Messengers. Like Ananias w/ Paul.

ILLUS. Chad. Brain seizure. Vulnerability. I need God in my life.

PRAYER: Maybe you'd like to join me right now in praying a simple prayer. • Jesus I need your help. Please help me know you and trust you.

JESUS CALLS US TO RESPOND. Read vss 14-16. I love Ananias' urgency... And now what are you waiting for? Unless we respond to Jesus' grace and mercy... we cannot be changed.

HOW? V16 Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' Be Baptized... 1) Baptism Represents our need to be "washed" of our sins...

The gospel says you are simultaneously more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe yet more loved and accepted than you ever dared hope. — Tim Keller.

• Acknowledging your sin/flaws will improve your relationships... • It will improve... your happiness... your peace of mind... • It allows you to be made right with God... you can't heal what you ignore. 2) Represents the complete surrender of our life to Jesus as:

- Our Savior... who died on the cross taking the penalty of sin on himself...
- Our Lord... whose word we obey rather than our own opinions.
- Our God... who we worship and love and adore above all.

Call on his name... means to ask Jesus to forgive you and fill you...

Romans 10:13. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Without responding to Jesus... you leave the gift at the door. The gift of God's saving love... cannot be earned... but it must be received! A

nd now what are you waiting for? INVITE THE WORSHIP TEAM.