

## BRUTAL PERSECUTOR TURNED BOLD PREACHER

*Acts 9:19b-31 // September 12, 2021 AM*

I. Through Saul's dauntless preaching, the gospel goes out (vv. 19b-30).

II. Through Saul's dauntless preaching, the church grows up (v. 31).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What does Saul begin to do "immediately" after being changed by Christ? Read Galatians 1:11-17. Why is it significant that he didn't immediately go to Jerusalem to learn from the apostles and be commissioned by them?
2. How did the Jews respond to Saul's preaching in Damascus? Should we only share the gospel when people are open to it and accepting of us?
3. How did Saul grow in sharing his faith? Was it by reading apologetic books or attending evangelism conferences?
4. Why didn't Saul stay in Damascus or Jerusalem and suffer death?
5. How did Christ use the persecution Saul faced to spread His word?
6. What happened to the church as the word was boldly preached in the power of the Holy Spirit? How exactly did she grow? Should we seek spiritual growth or numerical growth? Both?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I waiting for the latest book or training program to equip me as Christ's witness? How does Saul's growth in v. 22 challenge me to step out of my comfort zone and share Christ with others even if I fumble my way through it?
2. Do I desire to be a mature, strong witness? Or am I content to be a mediocre fisher of men?
3. How does the book of Acts beckon me to grow in the fear of Christ and dependence upon the Holy Spirit? How could I encourage fellow church members to grow in the same?