

## THEIR STORY IS OUR STORY: The Apostle Paul

### A Resurrected Faith

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." **ACTS 9:3-5**

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers.

### **2 CORINTHIANS 11:24-26**

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

### **PHILIPPIANS 4:11B-13**

There is a lot of distance between the S in Saul and the P in Paul. It is a world out of self-righteous legalism and into a faith by grace. It is the distance between a life of condemnation and persecutions of God, and into a life of liberation in Jesus Christ. It is a transformed life that is expressed by our:

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