What does a new life in Christ looks like?

* Ephesians 2:1-2 “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air [Satan], the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
* God wants to make a “New Person” not a better one of the old version.
* A New Life with God’s Life in it –
* A New walk with God Leading it –
* God gave Paul new boundaries to life by…
* Someone said – If someone throws a fit because you set boundaries, it’s just more evidence the boundaries is needed.

**The Correction of Saul Acts 9:1-5**

1. **God had to fix his wrong Direction!**

* Our souls were in the wrong direction –
* Proverbs 21:2 “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.
* We all think we are right about 99.9% of the time.
* Are you going in the wrong direction today?

1. **Paul needed God’s Mercy**

* Titus 3:5 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
* Someone said – Mercy is God’s favor that holds back from us what we deserve. Grace is God’s favor that gives us what we don’t deserve!
* Is God’s Mercy sweet to you?

1. **Paul might have done good things but good things don’t save you!**

* Ephesians 2:8-9For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of [good] works, lest any man should boast.
* Heaven is full on Souls that “Stood on faith, not good works!
* 1 Peter 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
* Augustine “God loves each of us as if there were only one of us”

1. **Don’t despise God’s correction –**

* Proverbs 3:11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
* Someone said – Correction is only seen as Judgement to those who still love their sin.
* Are you seeking God’s Correction so you can grow?
* Are you praying and asking God to show you sin in your life?
* Psalms 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting.

**The Conversion of Saul to Paul! Acts 9:6-19**

1. **God spoke to Paul’s Heart –**

* 1 John 4:13 “Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.
* Do you Hear God? Does God’s Spirit work in you?

1. **God will test your faith –**

* Deut. 8:2 “And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou would keep his commandments, or no.
* Do you faith to stick with God for 40 years of wandering?

1. **Paul had to humble himself –**

* 1 Peter 5:6 “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
* Are you satisfied with God’s exaltation? Or do you want your own?

1. **Have you put faith in Jesus Christ today?**

* Romans 13:11 “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.
* Every day you time to meet Jesus gets closer and closer.

**The Conclusion of Saul Acts 9:16**

Act 9:16 “For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

1. **God calls us to suffer for Him!**

* Phil. 1:29 “For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;
* Are you willing and ready to suufer for Christ?

1. **God rewards suffering for Him!**

* 1 Peter 3:17 “For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1. **Suffering for Christ now is worth a Life of Joy in Heaven with God!**

* *1 Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*