# Journal Companion: When You’re Finally Ready to Listen

*A Reflection Inspired by Acts 26:14 and Paul’s Damascus Road Encounter*

## Key Scripture

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads."  
(Acts 26:14, ESV)

Also Read Acts 9: 1-8

## Reflection

Jesus didn’t meet Paul with shame; He met him with clarity and purpose. And Paul didn’t resist anymore. He responded with surrender: 'Lord, what do You want me to do?'  
  
This moment reminds us that Jesus knows when we’re finally ready to hear Him, not just with our ears, but with our heart.

## Journal Prompts

• Have you ever experienced a moment when Jesus corrected you right when you were finally ready to hear it?

• What were you doing or believing before that moment of surrender?

• How did His correction feel—direct, yet loving? Painful, yet freeing?

• What changed in your heart or life after that turning point?

• What might God be preparing you for right now? Are you listening?

## Closing Prayer

Jesus, I see myself in Paul’s story. I know what it feels like to resist, to wrestle, and to be worn out by it all. Thank You for waiting until I was ready. Thank You for speaking truth without softening it—because You love me too much to leave me unchanged. I’m listening now. What do You want me to do?  
  
Amen.