



## The Background to Paul's Story (Acts 9:1-2)

*"meanwhile"*

*"disciples"*

*"people of the way"*

John 14:6

## The Evidence of Transformation

1. Conversion by Jesus.

Acts 9:3-9; 26:24-26; 1 Corinthians 15:8

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. (v. 5)

2. Contact with Jesus.

Acts 9:10-12, 22-23; Galatians 1:15-18

- prayer
- preparation

7. Champions Jesus' Cause.

“But you are God’s chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that he has done.” **1 Peter 2:9** (CEV)

3. Controlled the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; 2:4; 4:8, 31; 6:3

“Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 9:17

4. Connected to Jesus’ People.

Acts 9:18-19, 26-27

5. Confessing to Jesus to Others.

Acts 9:20-22

6. Counts the cost of following Jesus.

Acts 9:20-22

“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out.

Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.”

**Romans 12:2**, The Message