



Eyes Opened

April 15, 2018

FAITH



Share: Share your Highs & Lows of the day.



Read: Read the following daily readings focusing on

Sunday: Acts 9:1-19a, Paul's Conversion
Monday: Acts 9:19b-22, Saul Preaches in Damascus
Tuesday: Acts 9:23-31, Saul Escapes from the Jews
Wednesday: Acts 9:36-43, Peter in Lydda and Joppa
Thursday: Acts 10:1-16, Peter and Cornelius
Friday: Acts 10:17-23a, Peter and Cornelius
Saturday: Acts 10:23b-33, Peter and Cornelius



Talk: Study the reading and consider the background.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts 9:4-5)

Saul is one of the best-known—and feared—persecutors of the fledgling Christian church. If there's anyone who knows, without a doubt, what he stands for and what he's about, it's Saul. Surely such a man couldn't be thwarted by one unsettling journey?

- ⇒ Tell of a time you thought you were headed in one direction, and then life threw you a curveball, and you found yourself headed in an entirely different direction.
- ⇒ What would you have done if you had been Ananias, called to go straight to a man known to persecute and kill Christians?
- ⇒ God opened Saul's eyes and helped Ananias see Saul differently. Who are people or situations God is calling you to see differently?

Notes from Sunday's Sermon and Worship:



Pray: Pray for your Highs & Lows, for yourself, for your family, and for the world. You can use this prayer or make your own.

Mysterious Lord, you choose and use the most unlikely people for your work. Open our eyes to see you at work in the people we do not expect you to work through. Open our eyes to see the path you have prepared for us, and give us all your strength and courage to follow. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Concerns to take home for this week:



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. Mark the sign of the cross on each other's head or your own forehead and use words of blessing like:

Receive God's blessing when you are with people and when you are alone. Amen.

- * Jesus loves you and so do I.
- * May you share your gifts God has given you. Amen.

**By acting on what we learn, we are blessed to be a blessing.
Consider the following activity this week.**

Write a love letter to a person or people you hate or fear the most.
Consider how God feels about them.



April 22, 2018

Sent to Stay

Acts 16:16-34

April 29, 2018

Seeking God

Acts 17:16-31

May 6, 2018

Proclaiming Love

Philippians 1:1-18a

May 13, 2018

God Working in You

Philippians 2:1-13

May 20, 2018

Sent by the Spirit

Acts 2:1-21