Acts 8:26 - 40 The Miracle of Conversion – From "Who are You?" to "Here I am."

Objectives of Series:

- That we embrace, welcome, the 3rd person of the Trinity, the HS; that our fears of the HS would be replaced by our friendship with the HS.
- 2. That we **become reliant** upon the power of the HS so that our verbal witness of Jesus might be filled with the HS.
- 3. That we *be re-invigorated* by the HS so that we might be useful for the purposes of the HS, whatever that might be.



1. Jesus never wastes our "story." He even redeems it if we allow Him.

 Acts 9:15-16 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to carry My name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My name."

From Persecutor to Rescuer.

Acts 26:15 And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise [for I have appointed you]...18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

2. Jesus has our back. He is for us even when we are unaware.

- Acts 9:4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting <u>me</u>?"
- Acts 9:13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil <u>he has done</u> to your saints at Jerusalem.

3. Saul's "Damascus Rd" was his "Acts 2:38" moment. The HS literally transformed his life.

- Acts 2:38 <u>Repent</u> and be <u>baptized</u> in the name of Jesus for forgiveness of sins and you will receive the <u>gift of the Holy Spirit</u>.
- Acts 9:20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "<u>He is</u> the Son of God."

Next Steps.

- 1. Read and journal book of Acts.
- 2. Memorize these Scriptures:
 - Acts 2:38
 - Acts 3:19-20
 - Acts 5:32
- 3. What is the HS doing in your life? Share it w someone.