Acts 26:12-23; 27-32 **Making the Damascus Road Relevant** to Our Lives

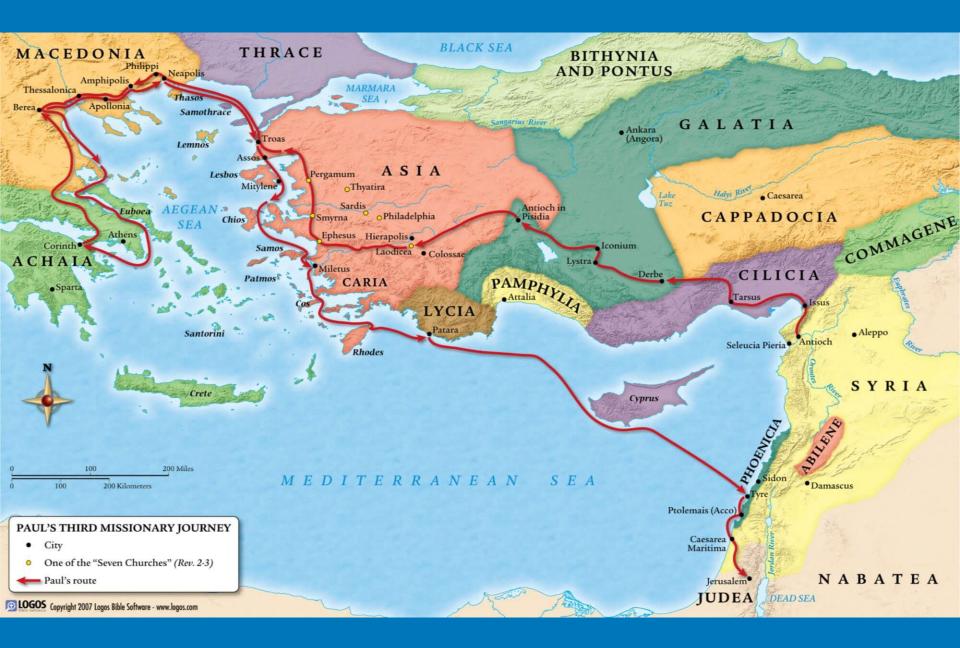














 Paul's Damascus Rd experience was a "stewardship" that kept paving the way for others to know Christ. How can you and I do the same?

A. How would you describe your conversion?

- B. Did you have the blessing of growing up in a Christian home where attending church was your norm? Being in youth group?
- C. Who had the greatest impact in your coming to faith in Jesus?

D. Acts 26:19 ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

AD 37 converted on rd to Damascus

- AD 40 44: preaches in Tarsus area
- AD 44 45 preaches in Antioch Syria
- AD 40 58 w Barnabas or Silas thru modern-day Turkey and then Europe
- 1st journey: Acts 13:4 15:35
- 2nd journey: Acts 15:36 18:22
- 3rd journey: Acts 18:23 21:17
- AD 60-64? Rome: Acts 27:1- 28:16

Paul's conversion gave him a life-2. purpose expressed by serving Christ wherever he was or whatever he did. Purpose caused him to chose the way of Christ regardless of its cost or whether his message was received or rejected. Paul gave testimony to Jesus to the very end.

3. Paul's life purpose in Christ set him free from the captivity of what other's thought about him or his message.

- Festus wanted to please the religious leaders from Jerusalem. Acts 25:9
- Felix wanted to do the same. Acts 24:27. He also wanted a bribe. Acts 24:26
- Agrippa and Bernice? 26:28
- Resurrection? 26:8

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4. Paul challenged their view of God.

A. Paul in Caesarea: Acts 26:8
B. Paul in Athens: Acts 17:28-29
C. Paul in Ephesus: Acts 19:26-27
D. Paul writing to Rome: Rom 1:20-23

Next Steps

- A. Are you ready today to make Jesus your Lord and Savior? What keeps you from believing? From turning to Jesus and surrendering your life to Him?
- B. Are you ready to make Jesus "relevant" in your everyday choices and decisions? Today is the day!