

Paul Is Changed – Bible Story

Narrator: A man named Saul was on a mission to find all the followers of Jesus and put them in prison. He was cruel to any believer he found.

He was traveling to Damascus with a legal document giving him the power to arrest believers, when suddenly a light from heaven came over him.

Paul: I was so shocked by the light, I fell to the ground. Then I heard a voice speaking to me.

Jesus: Saul, Saul, why are you bullying me?

Paul: Who are you, Lord?

Jesus: I am Jesus, the one you are bullying. Get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do.

Other man: We heard a voice speaking, but we didn't see anyone. We didn't know what was happening. We picked Saul up from the ground, and that's when he told us he couldn't see. So we led him into Damascus.

Paul: After Jesus spoke to me, I was blind for three days. I couldn't eat or think anything. I just kept thinking about everything I had done to Jesus' followers and wondering why Jesus had chosen to speak to me. What did the future hold for me now?

Narrator: In Damascus, God spoke to a disciple named Ananias in a vision.

God: Ananias! Go to Judas's house and ask for a man from Tarsus named Paul.

Ananias: But Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. He's here to arrest everyone who calls on your name.

God: Go! This man is the person I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites.

Narrator: So Ananias obeyed God. He went to the house and placed his hands on Saul.

Ananias: Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Saul: When Ananias touched me, flakes fell from my eyes, and I could see again. I was baptized as a follower of Jesus. He had turned my life completely around. Jesus had turned the hate in my heart for the believers into love. The disciples in Damascus allowed me to stay and fellowship with them for several days. I continued praying, asking what new mission God had for me.

(Based on Acts 9:1-19)

