

## Wednesday Devotional

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I've been reminding us about remembering the day Jesus reached out to you and you found salvation through Jesus. This responsive reading from the Nazarene hymnal reminds us of Paul's conversion. Remember the day Jesus touched you and be thankful!

### Saul's Conversion

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Saul was breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,

**"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"**

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

**"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.**

**"Now get up and go into the city,  
and you will be told what you must do."**

Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

**In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias.**

Ananias went, and placing his hands on Saul, he said,

**"Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me  
so that you may see again  
and be filled with the Holy Spirit."**

Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. Then Ananias said,

**"The God of our fathers has chosen you.**

"You will be his witness to all men.

**"Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away,  
calling on his name."**

*Acts 9:1-6, 8-10a, 17-18a; 22:14a, 15a, 16*