

## Don't Miss It! A True Basket Case



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**Acts 9:20-31**

And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. <sup>23</sup> And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: <sup>24</sup> but their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. <sup>25</sup> Then the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down by the wall in a basket. <sup>26</sup> And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him. <sup>30</sup> *Which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Cæsarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus. <sup>31</sup> Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

**Imagine missing out on God's plan for your life. It would be so bad to live the end of life with the words if only.**

**Surge- World changers! Doing God's will is the best life ever.**

What's the biggest thing you have ever or could ever do for God?

What is your definition of big compared to God's definition of big?

There are no one-man shows in serving God.

My purpose in God

2 Timothy 1:9; 3:10

Bud Lott

Bill Eaton

George Bertrand

My dad

Don & Joan McCarter

Richard Johnson

Fred Funches

Lafayette Pinkney

John & Carol Marshall

Dick Arnold

My second list I won't give you the names!

This morning I want to consider Saul whose name was changed to Paul.

Coming to Christ changes the purpose of your life radically. What am I living for? What do I want to accomplish by the end of my life? How do I plan to get there? Do I desire to know the will of God for my life? Am I sure I am doing God's will and fulfilling the purpose He has for my life?

Some believers are lethargic and at times lazy. Some believers use Jesus for their benefit and seldom consider His plan for their life.

The job you have is part of God's plan for your life in His purpose. God has more of a plan for you than for your to become great in your job. He wants to use you for His glory where you are.

We must keep focused on God's purpose for our lives. A great discussion to have with someone.

▪ **It's not someday it's today!**      **REPEAT**

Consider his accomplishments for God!

He didn't do it alone, did he?

Ill.- sport's star

Not everyone in God's plan is going to be in the forefront of ministry. That's ok!

1 Samuel 25:13; 30:24

Consider "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup> So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. <sup>8</sup> Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. <sup>9</sup> For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building."- 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

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- **What they did**
- **What the risk was**
- **Why they did it**
- **Who did it**
- **What the result was**

2 Corinthians 11:<sup>32</sup> **In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: <sup>33</sup> and through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.**

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The **Parable of the Sower** (sometimes called the Parable of the Soils) is a [parable of Jesus](#) found in the three [Synoptic Gospels](#) in [Matthew 13:1-23](#), [Mark 4:1-20](#), and [Luke 8:4-15](#).

Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

- **Barnabas** means son of encouragement

Acts 11:22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. 23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

- **He saw the grace of God**
- **He had joy**
- **He was a good man**
- **He was full of the Holy Spirit**
- **He was full of faith**
- **He trusted God**
- **He encouraged others**
- **He loved and cared for people**

What is your purpose in life? Will you commit to it and give your all to it?

## **One-minute take-away**