



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Acts 22: 3-16

Paul addressed the people in these words:

"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia,
but brought up in this city.

At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law
and was zealous for God, just as all of you are today.

I persecuted this Way to death,
binding both men and women and delivering them to prison.

Even the high priest and the whole council of elders
can testify on my behalf.

For from them I even received letters to the brothers
and set out for Damascus to bring back to Jerusalem
in chains for punishment those there as well.

"On that journey as I drew near to Damascus,
about noon a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me.

I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me,
'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'

I replied, 'Who are you, sir?'
And he said to me,
'I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting.'
My companions saw the light
but did not hear the voice of the one who spoke to me.
I asked, 'What shall I do, sir?'
The Lord answered me, 'Get up and go into Damascus,
and there you will be told about everything
appointed for you to do.'
Since I could see nothing because of the brightness of that light,
I was led by hand by my companions and entered Damascus.
"A certain Ananias, a devout observer of the law,
and highly spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,
came to me and stood there and said,
'Saul, my brother, regain your sight.'
And at that very moment I regained my sight and saw him.
Then he said,
'The God of our ancestors designated you to know his will,
to see the Righteous One, and to hear the sound of his voice;
for you will be his witness before all
to what you have seen and heard.
Now, why delay?
Get up and have yourself baptized and your sins washed away,
calling upon his name.'"

Our Scripture Reflection

Paul had done it all: gossip, slanderer, liar, murderer. But The Lord forgave him! What do you think He could do for you?? Jesus does not want us to stay where we are in this life. He wants us to grow into His disciples. Paul, the former murderer, became the greatest missionary in the Church's history. Think about what you could do if you received that same amazing Grace.

Food for your Journey

A kindergarten teacher asked the class, "What is the color of apples?" Most of the children answered red. A couple said green. But one student raised her hand and said white. The teacher tried to explain that apples could be red or

green or even golden. But never white. But the student was adamant, and finally said, "Look inside."

Jesus always looks inside.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Pour forth Your amazing Grace upon me so that I can begin living as the disciple that You created me to be. Amen.