

Bible Character series of readings – week 41

7th August 2016 – Paul

Monday: Acts 7:54 – 8:3. A single phrase reveals Saul's character. Paul, as he became, gave "approval" to Stephen's death (8:1). As a Jewish religious bigot he persecuted Christians. What phrase sums up your pre-conversion life, and shows the change Jesus has made in you?

Tuesday: Acts 9:1-22. Saul was converted supernaturally. How we are changed is less important than what changes when we come to trust in Jesus. What changed for Saul and how is your experience similar or different?

Wednesday: Acts 13:1-15. By the time Paul is set apart as a Missionary alongside Barnabas, he had been a Christian around 13 years. There are no shortcuts to maturity or ministry. Ask God to help you grow so that you realise your full potential in Him.

Thursday: Acts 16:16-28. On his second missionary journey, Paul experiences opposition and persecution. Notice his reaction in verse 25, and whatever situation you are in today, follow his example and praise the Lord!

Friday: Acts 28:11-31. Eventually opposition to his message results in Paul being taken to Rome under guard. Although under house arrest he still shares his faith. What obstacles must you overcome in order to be more effective in your witness?