

## Stopped in His Tracks

Acts 9:1-31

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### Persecutor of the Way (Acts 9:1-2)

The \_\_\_\_\_ - stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:58)  
- Pharisee, zealous for the Law

The \_\_\_\_\_ - letter from the high priest

The \_\_\_\_\_ - threats and murder against the disciples  
- "any belonging to the Way..."

### Pursued on the Way (Acts 9:3-19)

A \_\_\_\_\_ - "Suddenly a light from heaven shone  
around him..."

A \_\_\_\_\_ - "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"  
- "It is hard for you to kick against the goads."  
(Acts 26:14)

### Are you still fighting against Jesus?

Stopped in his tracks- blind  
- mission halted  
- fasting and praying

A \_\_\_\_\_ - Ananias (Acts 9:10-19)

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### Has Jesus transformed your life?

#### Proclaimer of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 9:20-31)

Testimony- "He proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ in the synagogues..."

Persecution- "...the \_\_\_\_\_ plotted to kill him..."

Fellowship- "\_\_\_\_\_ took him and brought him to  
the apostles..."

#### Result: Church built up... (Acts 9:31)

Jesus had promised: "I will build My church, and the gates of  
hell shall not prevail against it."

#### Conclusion: What is your story of encountering Jesus?

Are you still fighting against Him?

Has He transformed your life?

Is He asking you to engage with the enemies of the Gospel?

Are you one who testifies about Jesus?

Have you encountered suffering for the name of Jesus?

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