

7-Day Devotional: Change of Plans - Acts 9:1-9

This 7-day devotional explores the powerful story of Saul's conversion in Acts 9:1-9. Each day examines a different aspect of how God can interrupt our plans and transform our lives in unexpected ways. Through scripture, reflection, and prayer, we'll discover how to embrace God's divine interruptions and allow Him to change our direction for His greater purpose.

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Day 1: Unexpected Interruptions

1 God's Interruptions

Have you ever had God interrupt your plans? We make schedules, envision our futures, and move forward with confidence, but God often has different plans.

2 Saul's Mission Interrupted

Saul was set on a mission to arrest Christians, but God interrupted him in a powerful way.

3 Embracing Divine Interruptions

God's interruptions may feel inconvenient, but they're often the start of our transformation. Let's embrace divine interruptions, trusting that God's plans are better than ours.

Acts 9:1-2 (NKJV): Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Prayer: Lord, help me to accept Your interruptions. Even when things don't go my way, I trust that You know what is best. Amen.

Day 2: God, the Wrecking Ball

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God's Unexpected Arrival

Sometimes God doesn't just interrupt our plans—He comes in like a wrecking ball to tear down what needs to go. He comes without an appointment, and it may seem like an inopportune time.

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Tearing Down Hindrances

But He does this to wreck what's hindering us: our bad habits, mindsets, or attitudes. Just like Saul was knocked off his high horse, God wants to knock us off the pride, anger, or fear that holds us back.

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Invitation to Transformation

What in your life might God need to wreck? Are you willing to let Him?

Acts 9:3-4 (NKJV): As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Prayer: Lord, if there are areas in my life that need Your wrecking ball, I invite You in. Tear down what needs to go so You can build me up. Amen.

Day 3: The Power of His Light

Unique Light of Jesus

The light of Jesus is unlike any other. It's brighter than the sun and carries the power to move us —not just physically but spiritually. While natural light shows us where we are, God's light shows us who we can become.

Transformative Encounter

When Saul encountered this light, he fell to the ground. In the presence of God's glory, our pride falls, our fears crumble, and we see ourselves for who we truly are and who we can be in Him.

Personal Reflection

How has God's light revealed a new version of you?

Acts 9:3 (NKJV): As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

Prayer: Father, let Your light shine on me today. Show me who You have called me to be, and help me step into that identity. Amen.

Day 4: Protection We Don't See

Unseen Intervention

Saul was on his way to Damascus with plans to harm Christians, but Jesus intervened. The people of Damascus didn't even know the danger they were facing, yet God stopped it.

Divine Protection

We often have no idea what dangers God has protected us from. He closes doors we wanted open and shields us from unseen harm.

Gratitude for Protection

We should thank God not only for what He has given us but also for what He has kept us from.

Reflection

Take a moment to thank God for the unseen protection He has given you. What doors has He closed to protect you?

Acts 9:4-5 (NKJV): Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for all the times You protected me from harm, even when I didn't know it. I trust in Your divine protection. Amen.

Day 5: A Change of Plans

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Saul's Original Plan

Saul was planning on imprisoning and killing Christians.

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Divine Encounter

After encountering Jesus, his plans changed.

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Transformation

In a moment, Saul went from being the persecutor to becoming one of the very people he once despised.

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God's Intervention

When God steps in, He can change everything—our direction, our goals, even our identity.

Acts 9:6 (NKJV): So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Reflection: Are you willing to let God change your plans? What dreams or ambitions might He be calling you to reconsider?

Prayer: Lord, I surrender my plans to You. Change my direction if it aligns with Your will. I trust You with my future. Amen.

Day 6: Buried Gifts



Hidden Potential

God knew that Saul, now Paul, would go on to write much of the New Testament and plant churches. The books were always inside of Paul; God just had to bring them out.



God's Perspective

You may not see the greatness in you, but God does. We often define ourselves by our past mistakes, insecurities, or weaknesses, but God calls us by what He's placed inside of us.



Unleashing Your Purpose

You have a gift, a purpose, and a calling that the enemy wants to keep buried.

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Reflection: What gift do you feel God has placed inside of you? How can you allow God to develop it?

Prayer: Father, help me see myself the way You see me. Reveal the gifts You've placed inside me, and give me the courage to use them for Your glory. Amen.

Day 7: Get Up and Go

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God's Command

God told Saul to "get up and go."
God doesn't want us to stay in our past or remain in our mistakes.

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Greater Purpose

When He changes our plans, it's because He has a greater purpose for us. Paul went on to spread the Gospel far and wide.

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Your Transformation

The same God who transformed Saul wants to use you. No matter your past, God's grace is sufficient, and He's calling you to get up and move forward in His purpose.

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Reflection: What steps do you need to take today to move forward in God's plan for you?

Prayer: Lord, I'm ready to get up and go wherever You lead me. Use me for Your purpose, and help me trust Your plans over my own. Amen.