

"Hello. My name is ... **Paul**/Saul

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Tribe of Benjamin

Giscala in Galilee (G-Grandfather left)

TARSUS

FATHER - MOTHER

EDUCATION

LANGUAGE GREEK LATIN ARAMAICHEBREW

TENTMAKING

Holy Land REAL "homeland" (heart there)

BAR MITZVA at 13 - to Jerusalem # 1

JERUSALEM # 1 Visit sister & aunt /GAMALIEL

Jesus - Mishna, Gemerra, Targum

Inside struggles: pride (ego), lust

RETURN TO TARSUS (early 30's)

Leader Synagogue, Tentmaker BARNABAS

APPEARANCE Athletic short ugly

MARRIAGE son Timothy depression

SUPERNATURAL EVENTS

(not ready face God!) DARK EARTHQUAKE

JERUSALEM # 2 Escape new challenge
 Heard @ JESUS hated Nicodemus, Jos
 PETER & John, Pentecost HS changes

SPIRITUALLY EMPTY law bondage

HAD IT ALL, DIDN'T SATISFY **(APPLY)**

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Careers 1) tentmaker 2) rabbi

Sanhedrin power & prestige young age

Perfect in religion - outwardly sinless

Future all ahead of me - HP

STEPHEN - good friend (mellow & abrasive)
 same syn. – he peace, debate, lost, stoned

PERSECUTION - took inner frustrations out
 Temp, zeal, pain, purposeless, empty

HORRIBLE SCENES:

 Killed, heard gospel, witnesses – joy/peace!

DAMASCUS donkey trip (4 days)

THOUGHTS guilt, empty, no peace, doubts, sad

CONVERSION

LIGHT - Shekinah Glory -yesight

MAN - "why persecuting me?"

I BROKE – surrendered, peace! –

(APPLY) GOOD NEWS BAG

BLIND 3 days -Stephen

SATISFACTION – **(APPLY) CHANGE BAG**

TRAINING

ARABIAN DESERT 2

BOUNCED AROUND Dama Jeru *Tarsus*

Father, flogged - Syria & Cilicia

COMPLETE CHANGE - Outwardly Inwardly

MINISTRY

ANTIOCH - strong church there (Ben Hur)

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Troas - Eutychus

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Make true, deep friends

See God answer prayer

Many hardships, near-death experiences

Rejection by Jews and some believers, too.

Hurt: little contact with father, etc.

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struggle: do things in my strength, ego

(fight with Barnabas @ Mark)

THORN IN FLESH to stay close to God`

IMPRISONMENT (always wanted to go to Rome)

offering to Jerusalem ARREST, 5 yrs prison

Jerusalem - Caesarea Felix, Festus, Agrippa

Rome - shipwreck on the way

Wrote **Eph Col, Phile, Phil**

HARD: not in control, old, pain

God satisfies, found contentment **(APPLY)**

FINAL MINISTRY - 5 years

RELEASED

EPHESUS with Timothy, who stayed there

MACEDONIA, PHILIPPI (favorite church)

Wrote **I TIMOTHY**

EPHESUS - visited area churches

SPAIN (2 yrs) missionary – Jews rebellion

OTHER TRAVELS, wrote **Titus**

DEATH

ARRESTED in Ephesus (Macedonia) fall 67

ROME different this time Paul came

Fire, Nero

PRISON worse, public enemy # 1

only Luke risked life & stayed in Rome

miss Timothy and Mark

ready to die & be with Jesus, work done
content with how life had gone

TRIAL # 1

Alexander Coppersmith testified - acquitted

II TIMOTHY final words *2 Tim 4:6-8 (read)*

TRIAL # 2

Before Nero (at end of his life - terrible)

Cp cont Paul, Nero

ATTITUDE: II Tim 1:8-12 2:8-13 4:6-8

EXECUTION SITE: Spring, 68 AD

beyond city walls, small group, soldiers
citizen, so not tortured like Peter & wife
tied to stake, scourged, beheaded

Mid-June Nero died

Sept 2, 70 AD Jeru fell

PETER: write **I, II Peter**, killed with wife

JOHN: **wrote** last, lived longest

CONCLUSION

Don't see me as a SUPERSAINT

Sinner like you: lust **(APPLY)**

ego, pride, insensitive, critical, perfection

God's grace chose & used me

Don't see my life as GLAMOROUS

Lost wife and son - father & friends

career, inheritance, etc.

health - much time in prison

All I have is what Jesus gave me

I gave it all up for Him But really gave up NOTHING!

I gained everything **(APPLY)**

Never regretted all I lost, gave up for Jesus

It never satisfied - but HE DOES!

ONLY JESUS SATISFIES! **COLORING BK**

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PAUL'S LIFE DRAMA

CHILDHOOD

"Hello. My name is ...

NAME Paul, Latin name
Saul (Jewish name) home & synagogue

ANCESTRY Tribe of Benjamin
Giscala in Galilee (G-Grandfather left)

TARSUS 1/2 million (**WORLD MAP**)
prosperous self-governing city-state
farming, mines (silver, lead, copper)
center of finances and education

FATHER Pharisee
Tentmaker (long black wool from local sheep)
Wealthy
Burgess of Tarsus
Roman citizen - proud privilege

MOTHER Sickly, not involved in childhood
Died having sister when I was grown
Sister raised by aunt in Jeru.

EDUCATION Home main education
Synagogue Memorize Heb vowels, accents
By 13 mastered Jewish hist, poetry, prophets
PHOTOGRAPHIC MIND natural & developed

LANGUAGE GREEK fluent from infancy, main language
LATIN working knowledge
ARAMAIC common Jewish home language
HEBREW scholarly knowledge of OT

TENTMAKING Humble, busy, appreciate work,
for Caravans, nomads, armies
Weave cloth, shuttle back & forth Mind free

RELIGION Holy Land REAL "homeland" (heart there)
Tarsus: Baal worship, immorality, persecution

HOME haven to live life of piety (stern, focus on externals)

EARLY LIFE

BAR MITZVA at 13 - to Jerusalem # 1

With father & older friend (my 1st trip, his last)
Phoenician trader ship,
Mountains, valleys, semi-desert seen

JERUSALEM # 1 Visit sister and aunt

Gamaliel (not as strict as Shammai)

Jesus before at 12 - Gamaliel bared mentioned it
Jesus a little older than me - never met

Eyes saw same sights, songs, even at same time
Rabbi training long & hard -

Mishna, Gemerra, Targum

Outstripped contemporaries with giftedness

Memory, logical mind, creative, analyzing

Few close friends - expect too much of self & others

Outside lived in perfect obedience

Others: impress others, hypocrisy

Paul: do right for right reason

Inside struggles: pride (ego), lust

RETURN TO TARSUS (early 30's)

Leader in Synagogue, taught Scriptures

Tentmaker (with BARNABAS)

APPEARANCE Athletic, strong, good shape

-5', broadshouldered

prematurely gray, bald

close-knit eyebrows & thick beard

Long crooked nose

Nearsighted from reading, study

Friends said I was ugly - enemies repulsive

MARRIAGE light of my life, new meaning

SON born, filled empty void in life

Epidemic, prayed to YHWH, both died - take me!

Virtually adopted Timothy as replacement son

Deep depression many months, never get out of it

SUPERNATURAL EVENTS (not ready to face God!)
DARKNESS 12 noon on
EARTHQUAKE, light back 3 pm

JERUSALEM # 2 Escape memories, reminder
Empty, need new challenge
Heard @ upheaval @ JESUS & res. - fight it!
live: street of tentmakers
work: leading PHARISEE
 hated Nicodemus, Jos Armiathia
 Sanhedrin member, privileges

SPIRITUAL YEARNINGS
 Searching for real meaning, purpose
 Judaism, harder I tried more empty I felt
 Stopped struggling for peace
 Law, tradition empty, crushing bondage

PETER leader (and John)
 Change: fear to courage
 PENTECOST, Holy Spirit difference

OVER REACTION Took it out on those attacking Judaism
 -Me fighting same thing within

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 Future all ahead of me - "another Gamaliel", HP

STEPHEN - good friend (mellow & abrasive) same syn.
 he found peace I sought, me jealous
 grasped full implication @ Jesus = Messiah
 take away all I had left - Judaism
 me only one able to debate him, but lost
 I had him put to death, oversaw it!

PERSECUTION - took inner frustrations out on others

- Choleric temperament
- Zeal for God from upbringing
- loss of wife & son hurt
- no goal, purpose, meaning
- spiritually empty, jealous of their peace

HORRIBLE SCENES: burst into homes & synagogues
old men, women, children, beaten, imprisoned, killed,
Contact with Gospel -infiltrated services
-defense they offered
Eye-witnesses memorized Jesus' words
Great phy pain didn't take away their peace joy

DAMASCUS last chance to stop their flood, growth, spread
Large Jewish population (20,000 of the 150,000)
4 day trip north (150 miles)

DONKEY TRIP thru Galilee, Golan Heights, Mt Hermon

THOUGHTS: Guilt, emptiness in mind, no peace
Doubts about success of mission
Sorrow of pain causing
Something @ these Christians....

CONVERSION

LIGHT greater than sun - Shekinah Glory (all fell down)
affected eyesight - lifetime reminder (Jacob's hip)

MAN about my age - "why persecuting me?"
knew who he was, but had to make sure
"Who are you" "I am Jesus"
In a second that seemed like an eternity I knew
He loved those I was persecuting - He loved me!

I BROKE - surrendered
No matter about my old theological arguments
what others would think
what I was giving up in Judaism
I was wrong, He was right
Sweet peace flooded over me!
Surrendered my life at that moment
Not just accept salvation for when I die
Made Him Lord & Master of my life now!

WORDLESS BOOK - PLAN OF SALVATION

(children look at, check out bag)

How many of you have accepted Jesus as Savior?

BLIND 3 days (thought it'd be forever)
humble, helpless, not in control
plenty of time to think
Stephen a time bomb that detonated in mind
Guilt, remorse & peace, grace
healed, baptized, preached

SATISFACTION

had now what \$, power, prestige didn't give

SUBSTITUTES TODAY: (CHANGE BAG these in, come out empty)

Adults? car, boat, home, \$

Teens? popularity, clothes, music, dating

Children? fun, friends, things

TRAINING

ARABIAN DESERT 2 years - Learn to Depend on God

BOUNCED AROUND next few years

Damascus

Jerusalem

Tarsus - told father - rejected (my mind not right)

synagogue leaders had me scourged 5 times

(undermined health, bowlegged)

had to break from family, Judaism

Syria & Cilicia

COMPLETE CHANGE

Outwardly things went from top to bottom

Inwardly things went from bottom to top

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II Cor - A Godly Ministry
Romans - Salvation

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IMPRISONMENT

Took large offering to Jerusalem for bel there.
Falsely arrested, imprisoned 5 years
Jerusalem - taken out to save life
Caesarea - Trial by Felix, Festus, Agrippa
Rome - shipwreck on the way
Wrote Ephesians - In Christ
Colossians - Christ is Supreme
Philemon - Christian Courtesy
Philippians - Joy

HARD: me not in control of anything at all
others taking over ministry, me out of picture
age, health limited me although wanted to do as before
God satisfies, found contentment & peace in Him

FINAL MINISTRY - 5 years

RELEASED because Jews didn't press charges
Not God's will for me to die yet.

EPHESUS with Timothy, who stayed there

MACEDONIA, PHILIPPI (favorite church)
Wrote I TIMOTHY encourage Timothy to stay

EPHESUS - visited area churches (7 of Rev 2-3)
Laodicea, Heirapolia, Colossae

SPAIN (2 yrs)
Missionary mindset, go to new place, now follow others
Jewish rebellion- word reached me in Spain!

CRETE to visit Titus
hard work among churches there

MILETUS w/ Trophimus, Ephesian Paul accused of taking into the temple.
Trop sick & stayed there

EPHESUS with Onesiphorus & Timothy
oppose heretical teachers

TITUS written - advise & encouragement

TROAS, left cloak, books & parchments

CORINTH stayed with Erastus, former treasurer

NICOPOLIS - winter there and reach out to area
Tychicus and Artemas there with him

MACEDONIA & GREECE
final place of ministry
nice to see Philippi churches again!

DEATH

ARRESTED in Ephesus (Macedonia) fall 67
paid informers turned Paul in - Alexander the cooper smith
charged with instigating Roman Ch to burn Rome

ROME different this time Paul came
Physically changed by fire
Emotionally changed by crazy Nero

PRISON much more severe, no freedom
public enemy # 1
isolated - lonely (Demas forsook Paul)
only Luke risked life & stayed in Rome, miss Timothy and Mark
ready to die & be with Jesus, work done
content with how life had gone

TRIAL # 1
Alexander the Coppersmith testified against Paul
God miraculously delivered me, acquitted!

WROTE II TIMOTHY final words
2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

TRIAL # 2
Before Nero (at end of his life - terrible)
Nero: all \$, power, etc., miserable inside
Paul: nothing outside, peace & joy in - Only Jesus satisfies!
Found guilty, condemned to death

ATTITUDE: II Tim 1:8-12 2:8-13 4:6-8

EXECUTION SITE:

beyond city walls
small group of curious watching
many soldiers, make sure Christians not attack
citizen, so not tortured like Peter & wife
tied to stake, scourged, beheaded with sword
Spring, 68 AD
Mid-June Nero died
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PETER: write I, II Peter, killed with wife

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Matthew suffered martyrdom by being slain with a sword at a distant city of Ethiopia.

Mark expired at Alexandria, after having been cruelly dragged through the streets of that city.

Luke was hanged upon an olive tree in the classic land of Greece.

John was put into a caldron of boiling oil, but escaped death in a miraculous manner, and was afterwards banished to Patmos.

Peter was crucified at Rome with his head downward.

James the Greater was beheaded at Jerusalem.

James the Less was thrown from a lofty pinnacle of the temple, and then beaten to death with a fuller's club.

Philip was hanged up against a pillar at Heiropolis in Phrygia.

Bartholomew was flayed alive.

Andrew was bound to a cross, where he preached to his persecutors until he died.

Thomas was run through the body with a lance at Coromandel in the East Indies.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Matthias was first stoned, and then beheaded.

Barnabas of the Gentiles was stoned to death by the Jews at Salonica.

Paul after various tortures and persecutions, was at length beheaded at Rome by the Emperor Nero.

Peter crucified upside down in Rome, wife martyred also

CHURCH GROWTH

Continues today

CONCLUSION

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ego, pride

insensitive, critical - Mark

perfectionist

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What are you looking for for satisfaction?

Family fine, but no matter how nice, rich, not it

Education may be great, not the answer

Career OK, not satisfy

Power, prestige empty

Perfect in religion, outwardly sinless

Future promise great, still empty