Called to New Life in Christ  
A Sermon by Pastor Dawn
Saul

Pieces of a Broken Life

Devout Jew, a Pharisee
Man of energy & zeal

Man with emotional & physical weaknesses
Raised in Tarsus, a cultural center

Roman Citizen
Student of Greek Writing & Rhetoric
A Defining Moment

- Saul meets Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus
Paul

A Life Transformed

Spread the Gospel around the Empire

Laid theological foundation of the faith

Mentored 2nd generation leaders

Man of energy & zeal

13 of 27 NT books attributed to Paul

Man with emotional & physical weaknesses
Examining Paul’s Conversion

• God came to Paul as light – alerting him to truths in himself and in his religious framework
  • Not about Anti-Semitism
  • Was about breaking down barriers in religious practice that inhibited freedom and kept others out
• Brought him to complete humility in presence of God and others
Examining Paul’s Conversion

• Reoriented the whole purpose of his life
• All the pieces of his life was used by God in his calling
• He wasn’t perfect....had blind spots and human frailty
• Anyone who knew him would have been AMAZED at total transformation
Questions to Consider

• Do I need the bright light of Christ to alert me to truths in myself or in my religious institution?
• Have I completely humbled myself before Christ?
• Have I allowed Christ to dramatically reorient my life?
• What pieces of my life do I see God using to spread the Good News to others?
• Can others see the transformative power of Christ ALIVE in me?
2 Cor 5:17-21

Let us go to live as new creations in Christ, free from the bondage of sin, reconciled to God, sharing the good news of Christ with all we meet, and practicing the ministry of reconciliation wherever we go.