

**From Terrorist to Evangelist**  
**Acts 9:1-19**  
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***There is no separation between love for Jesus and commitment to his church.***

5 lessons to learn....

- You were prepared, by God

**Acts 26:14 (ESV)**

***<sup>14</sup> And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’***

- You were pursued, by God.
- You were blinded by your sin.
  - 2 forms of spiritual blindness:
    - Irreligious blindness:
      - “My way is better than God’s way”
      - “I do not need God”
    - Religious blindness.
      - “self-justification”
      - “evil of our good deed’s” (Luther)
  - 2 characteristics you display once eyes are opened:
    - Astonishment
    - Graciousness
- Your past does not exclude you from God’s grace.
- Your past does not exclude you from future ministry.