

Speak of Forgiveness

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Acts 26:9-18

“Been there. Done that. Have the t-shirt.” This little slang phrase is helpful sometimes. It means someone has experienced something to the extent that it’s as if they stayed around and bought a t-shirt as a souvenir commemorating the experience.

Sometimes it’s easy to forget the Apostle Paul “had the t-shirt” when it came to rejecting the gospel of Jesus Christ. He planted so many churches and wrote so many helpful things it’s hard to remember his previous life as a persecutor of the Church.

In Acts 26, Paul brought up his sordid past in order to highlight the magnitude of God’s grace. Paul’s new mission: to spread the word about Jesus so people may be forgiven, brought into the light, and added to the number of those being sanctified.

God gives us the same mission. Our role is to proclaim, through our actions and sometimes our words, the reality of forgiveness and new life in Jesus. It’s not something a select few who have “evangelism gifts” do. It’s something we all do. How will your life bear witness to God’s forgiveness in Jesus today?

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