

**THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Week**  
**Discussion Questions from the Sermon**

1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
2. Read Acts 16:1-32. What do you learn from the example of the Apostle Paul about sharing your story with others?
3. Have you ever shared your story of faith with another person? If yes, what happened? If no, what are the barriers keeping you from doing this?
4. What is the story you can tell of your life before meeting Jesus?
5. How did you come to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Who were the people who were part of that story? What convinced you to take that step of faith?
6. What has been the impact of receiving Jesus into your life? How has God changed you?
7. Take a few moments to share your story with someone you trust to give you feedback. Pray that the Lord will give you opportunities. Take a step by sharing your story with someone who doesn't believe?

**Weekly Bible Memory Verse:** *But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you...Acts 26:16*

**Bible Readings:** Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week's sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Acts 26:1-32

Tuesday -- Ephesians 1:15-23

Wednesday – Ephesians 3:14-21

Thursday – Philippians 1:3-11

Friday – Colossians 1:3-14

Saturday – 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Sunday – Philemon 4-7

**“SHARING MY STORY”**  
**Intentional Outreach #5 | February 14, 2021**  
**Acts 26:1-32**

**Sharing My Story:**

**1. Share the story of your life before you meet Jesus.**

“My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. 5 They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. 6 And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, 7 to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! 8 Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

9 “I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. 11 And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities. Acts 26:4-11

**2. Share the story of how you came to faith in Jesus.**

“In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. 13 At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. 14 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.’ 15 And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, 17 delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

19 “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. Acts 26:12-20

**3. Share the story of how Jesus has changed your life.**

For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. 22 To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: 23 that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.” Acts 26:21-23

**4. General Guidelines that are effective:**