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RISE & STAND FOR THE GOSPEL

Acts 9:1-2

Acts 26:12-18 *"While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, ¹³at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' ¹⁵So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you ¹⁸to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."*

Some Biblical Truths in the Text:

1. **The _____ of the Holy Spirit (vs 14)**
 - A. One cannot _____ without the convicting work of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44, Romans 8:9)
 - B. All missions work must be done _____ (Matthew 28:18)
2. **Our _____ before the Lord (vs 14)**
(1 Timothy 1:15, Acts 26:16)
3. **Our _____ in the Lord (vs 16)**
 - A. To be _____
 - B. To _____ from the bondage of sin (Matthew 26:18)

Acts 26:19-20 *"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance."*