



Destined to Inherit



Uzziah = my strength is Jehovah

What did he do right to step INTO his destiny
HE SOUGHT THE LORD

What did he do wrong to step OUT of his destiny
PRIDE

***START WELL &
FINISH WELL***



Can you finish well,
even when you have not
started well?



If you have not started
well, then at least
choose to finish well.



Galatians (AD 47)
**1 and 2 Thessalonians (AD 49—
51)**
1 and 2 Corinthians and Romans
Ephesians, Philemon,
Colossians, and Philippians (AD
60—62)
1 Timothy and Titus (AD 62)
2 Timothy

Acts 7

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him,⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. **Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.**

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8

And Saul approved of their killing him.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ **But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.**

241 km away



Why would the Jews in Jerusalem want to persecute Christians as far away as Damascus?

- Seize the Christians who had fled
- Prevent the spread of Christianity
- To keep Christians from causing any trouble with Rome
- Advance Saul's career and build reputation
- Unify the factions of Judaism by giving them a common enemy

Acts 9

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

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²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. ³⁰ When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

³¹ Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly **a light from heaven flashed around him.** ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard **a voice say to him,** “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

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What change the course of his destiny?

**A Light
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A LIGHT



John 12:46

⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

James 1:17

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Acts 26:12-14

¹² “On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³ About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. ¹⁴ We all fell to the ground,

A VOICE

Matthew 17:5

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

Hebrews 3:7-8

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says:
“Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸ do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion,
during the time of testing in the wilderness,

**The desire to obey is a consequence of a
heart changed by an encounter with
Christ**

True conversion comes from a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and leads to a new life in relationship with Him.

A VISION

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¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.



**John Stephen
Akwhari**

Olympic Games,
Mexico, 1968



What change the course of his destiny?

**A Light
A Voice
A Vision**

God has come us in a light, a voice and a vision

A light to bring clarity to the way

A voice to bring guidance on the way

A vision to reveal the destination of our destiny

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