

SAUL TO PAUL

CHARACTERS: Paul, Host

COSTUMES: none specified

PROPS: None specified

SETTING: TV talk show

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: 1 Timothy 15-16, Acts 8 & 9, Galatians 1:13-15, 1 John 4:8

At rise: HOST and SAUL are seated.

HOST: Welcome to Extreme Makeover. Let's welcome tonight's guest, Saul of Tarsus. Saul, many folks in the Bible had name changes but you seemed to have had a radical behavior change as well.

PAUL: Absolutely I was the worst of sinners but God showing me mercy let the whole world know that if I could be saved, anyone could.

HOST: I understand that you traveled 150 miles north of Jerusalem going house to house to drag off Christian men and women to prison, splitting up families, leaving children without parents.

PAUL: (ashamed) I did. I thought I was pleasing God. Little did I know that I was actually persecuting Jesus by doing that.

HOST: You even approved of killing Stephen.

PAUL: (pained) I did. Thank God he stopped me by striking me blind for a time so I could really, truly see. It took something that radical to change my world view, how I interpreted life.

HOST: How would you describe your conversion from Judaism to Christianity?

PAUL: I went from darkness to light, literally and spiritually. Those three days without sight left me helpless. I, Saul, who had been so forceful, direct and dominant was forced to acknowledge how pitiful I really was.

HOST: Besides converting from darkness to light, you seemed to convert from hate to love. I mean, you're the guy that wrote the chapter on love in 1 Corinthians 13.

PAUL: Yes. God is love. Hate, anger and insecurity all spring from fear. As the apostle John so eloquently stated, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." I realized that how I treated others and what I did for the least of these, I was actually doing for Jesus.

HOST: But many times people treated you terribly. You were stoned and left for dead once.

PAUL: I was beaten with rods three times, given 39 lashes five times, by my own people, the Jews. But every time I thought about how Jesus was beaten and crucified for my sake and theirs. How could I do any less?

HOST: How else would you describe your conversion from Saul to Paul?

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PAUL: I went from destruction to construction. I went from trying to destroy the church to building them. I traveled thousands of miles because I wanted everyone to know Jesus.

HOST: So to sum up, if you could be saved, anyone could be saved?

PAUL: Absolutely. Christ Jesus' love is boundless. I'd love to talk to anyone after the show if they'd like to know more about him and how to be saved.

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