



## Greater Life Church Central

*"Loving and Leading People to a Greater Life"*

Pastor Nate Stewart, Lead Servant

**The Year of Awakening**

**Awake. Arise. Advance.**

2770 Glebe Rd. Lemon Grove, CA 91945

619.263.8101

[admin@greaterlifesd.org](mailto:admin@greaterlifesd.org)

[www.greaterlifesd.org](http://www.greaterlifesd.org)

## Awakened: The Transformation of a Life

**Text:** Acts 9:1–31 NKJV

**Theme:** Transformation

**Acts 9 Objective:** God awakens even the hardest and most lost hearts. No one is beyond the reach of His grace, and no life is too broken for His purpose.

### **Introduction:**

Saul was not searching for Jesus, he was searching for Christians to persecute. He had power, influence, and a plan. Yet on the road to Damascus, God interrupted his agenda and changed his life forever.

Many people believe transformation starts when we decide to change. But Acts 9 teaches us that transformation often begins when God interrupts our plans and reveals Himself. God specializes in awakening people who never imagined they needed Him.

### **MAIN POINT:**

Transformation begins when God interrupts our plans and reveals His purpose.

### **Point 1: God Will Meet You On The Road You're Traveling – Acts 9:3 (NKJV)**

"As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven."

- God knows where you are, even when you're headed in the wrong direction.



## Greater Life Church Central

*"Loving and Leading People to a Greater Life"*

Pastor Nate Stewart, Lead Servant

**The Year of Awakening**

**Awake. Arise. Advance.**

2770 Glebe Rd. Lemon Grove, CA 91945

619.263.8101

[admin@greaterlifesd.org](mailto:admin@greaterlifesd.org)

[www.greaterlifesd.org](http://www.greaterlifesd.org)

### Key Takeaway Points:

- Saul was sincere, but he was sincerely wrong.
- God did not wait for Saul to repent before pursuing him.
- The road Saul chose became the road God used.
- Divine interruptions are often disguised as inconveniences.
- God has a way of showing up when we least expect Him.

### Life Application:

Don't curse every interruption in your life. Some interruptions are divine appointments designed to redirect your destiny.

### Point 2: Before God Changes Your Circumstances, He Changes Your Vision *Acts 9:8–9 (NKJV)*

"Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank."

- God has to show us ourselves before He can show us our future.

### Key Takeaway Points:

- Saul lost physical sight but gained spiritual insight.
- Sometimes God removes what we've depended on so we can depend on Him.
- Transformation begins with revelation.
- Pride says, "I know." Humility says, "Lord, teach me."
- Life Application: Stop asking God to simply change your circumstances. Ask Him to change your perspective.



## Greater Life Church Central

*"Loving and Leading People to a Greater Life"*

Pastor Nate Stewart, Lead Servant

**The Year of Awakening**

**Awake. Arise. Advance.**

2770 Glebe Rd. Lemon Grove, CA 91945 | 619.263.8101 | [admin@greaterlifesd.org](mailto:admin@greaterlifesd.org) | [www.greaterlifesd.org](http://www.greaterlifesd.org)

### **Point 3: Surrender Is The First Step Toward Transformation – Acts 9:6 (NKJV)**

“So he, trembling and astonished, said, ‘Lord, what do You want me to do?’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’”

- Transformation begins when we stop giving God instructions and start receiving His.

#### **Key Takeaway Points:**

- Saul went from giving orders to taking orders.
- The first sign of transformation is humility.
- God saves us not only from something but for something.
- Surrender is not weakness; it is trust.

#### **Life Application:**

Your next level may not require more striving. It may require more surrender.