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FOLLOW PAUL'S APPROACH TO SEASONS

1. Changes

Acts 7:58-8:1—...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... And Saul approved of their killing him...

Acts 8:3—But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

See also Acts 9:1-2; 9:3-6; 9:17-18; 13:9

FAITH LESSONS:

- > God wants to transform us into the image of Christ.

Romans 12:1-2—Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- > God wants us to let go of the old and welcome in the new.

2 Corinthians 5:7—Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- > God wants to leverage our suffering to refine us.

Romans 5:3-5—Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us..

- > God wants us to be content knowing He is in control.

Philippians 4:11-12—*I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

- > God can use unwanted change for good.

Philippians 1:12—*Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.*

- > God is at work in you and on you.

Philippians 1:6—*...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

2. Challenges

2 Corinthians 11:23-28—*Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.*

FAITH ACTIONS:

- > Rejoice. **Philippians 4:4**—*Rejoice in the Lord always...*
- > Don't be anxious. **Philippians 4:6**—*Do not be anxious about anything...*
- > Pray. **Philippians 4:6**—*...but in every situation, by prayer...*

- > Think right. **Philippians 4:8**—*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable... think about such things.*
- > Believe. **Philippians 4:13**—*I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*
- > Trust. **Philippians 4:19**—*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus..*

3. Choices

Romans 8:28-39—*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose... If God is for us, who can be against us? ...Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

FAITH COMMITMENTS:

- > He chose to not let suffering hold him down.
Romans 8:18—*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*
- > He chose to make Christ his primary priority.
Galatians 2:20—*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
- > He chose to not allow the cares of life to dilute his focus.
Acts 20:24—*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.*

- > He chose to live with the end in mind.

Philippians 1:21—*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

- > He chose to keep his eyes on the prize.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18—*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

- > He chose to finish well.

2 Timothy 4:7-8—*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

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