



ACTS

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Was Blind But Now I See | Acts 9:1-19

MAIN POINT



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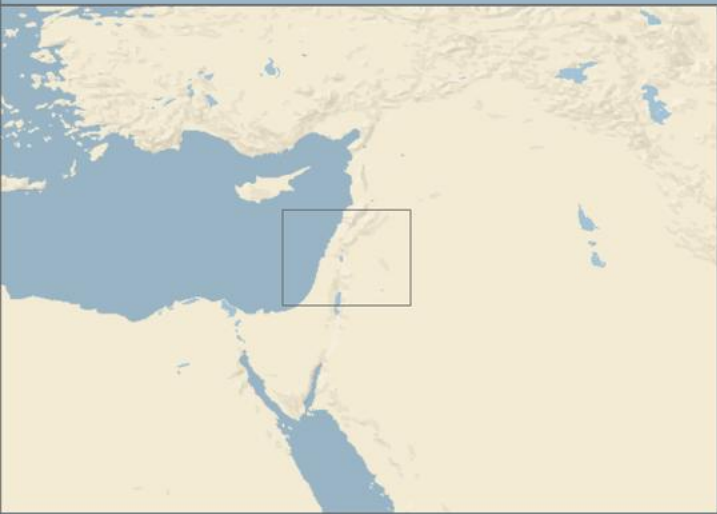




Saul's Hostility (vv. 1-2)

Paul's Route from Jerusalem to Damascus

-  Plausible route of Paul from Jerusalem to Damascus
-  Alternative route through the Golan Heights





Jesus' Humbling (vv.3-9)



Ananias' Hesitancy (vv. 10-16)



The Holy Spirit's Healing (vv. 17-19)

POINTS TO PONDER



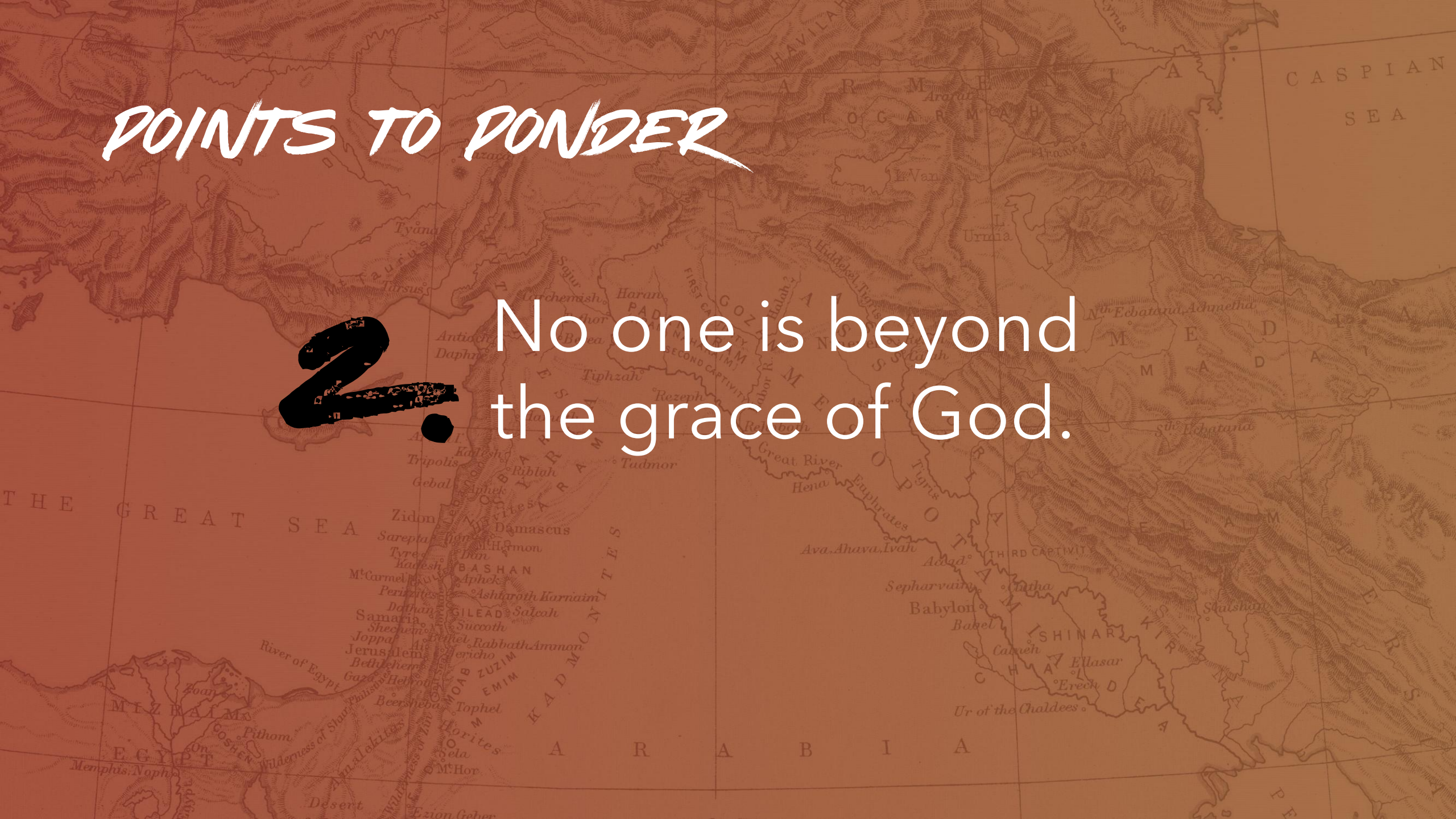
Paul's story
is your story



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2.

No one is beyond
the grace of God.



COMMUNION

Let us celebrate the spiritual freedom
we have been granted in Christ Jesus.





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“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.”

3:20-21

“Was Blind But Now I See”
Acts 9:1-19 – Pastor Scott Gnuse

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Growing Deeper

1. Why is spiritual blindness an appropriate way to describe people who have not been saved by Jesus? What does this imagery convey about their spiritual condition?
2. Read Romans 3:10-18. In what sense is your conversion story similar to Saul's? Why must we never downplay the beauty of our salvation?
3. Read Philippians 3:3-11. How does Paul (previously Saul) describe his life before Jesus' miraculous intervention? What radical shift took place in Paul's life?
4. Like Ananias, who are the type(s) of people you often consider beyond God's redeeming grace? What can you learn from Saul's conversion story? How has this passage brought conviction to your own heart?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 07/12 by reading and meditating on Acts 9:19-31.

Prayer Prompt: Lord Jesus, thank You for opening my eyes through Your redeeming grace. May I never lose sight of the greatness of my salvation! Help me to believe that Your love can save the most rebellious of sinners, just as it did for me. Amen.

Reaching Farther

Family: As a family, find the darkest room in your house and turn off all the lights. Spend a few minutes trying to navigate the space together (safely, of course). After a minute or two, turn the lights back on. Talk with your kids about the difference light makes for a completely dark room. Use this as an illustration to talk about how the Bible describes our spiritual condition (blindness/darkness) apart from Jesus. Teach them how salvation is like Jesus leading us out of darkness into light.

Community: Pray for the family, friends, or neighbors in your life who are currently walking in spiritual darkness. Plead with God that the eyes of their spiritual hearts would be opened to see the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord.