



## ‘ARE YOU READY FOR CHANGE?’

Acts 9:1-9; Acts 9:5, 6

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In recent weeks the airwaves have been inundated with the word—CHANGE. I find it quite interesting how a theme, a thought, a word can permeate the very thinking and actions of a people. CHANGE—what a frightening thought, because it means that we must reassess who we are, ask if we are pleased with our current conditions, decide that we want to do something a little different, and then CHANGE!! Change can be uncomfortable if we are not prepared for all of the new circumstances and conditions which will impact our daily existence.

CHANGE is inevitable, but change often faces many obstacles. Are you satisfied with your life personally, emotionally, economically and spiritually? Are you pleased with where you are and what you are doing? Are you comfortable with your relationship with God? Have you given God permission to CHANGE YOU?

These questions have plagued mankind since the beginning of time so I thought for a sermon topic this morning, “Are You Ready for Change?”

There was a very intelligent, astute man whom we learn about in the Bible who was assured and satisfied that he was doing the will of God. He knew that what he was doing, how he did it, who he did it to was what God wanted and he was the best at what he did. He was so good at what he did that God wanted to CHANGE the direction of his life. The man was stubborn and saw no need to CHANGE. It wasn’t until God knocked him off his horse, humbled him, blinded him, and then picked him up that he realized and accepted his CHANGE.

Change starts with the individual, but is the individual ready for change? As America faces the question of CHANGE it must be recognized that CHANGE starts with the individual and the individual can CHANGE the system. Our lives need CHANGE and God is prepared to CHANGE you today. Are you Ready? God has a star-studded history of changing people:

1. King Saul – 1 Samuel 10:9
2. Zacheus – Luke 19:9
3. Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8:37
4. Saul of Tarsus – Acts 9:6
5. Lydia – Acts 16:14
6. Peter – Matthew 26:74
7. Demonic Man – Mark 5:6, 7
8. Woman at the Well – 4:15

When you are ready to change—God will be there!! As America talks and campaigns for CHANGE, we in the Christian community must be willing to CHANGE. We need to get even closer to knowing, understanding, and doing the will of God. Yes, it is unsettling to have to CHANGE, but the reward of eternal life, peace, joy, and love justify a new behavior.

Are you ready for CHANGE—give your life to Jesus and let God CHANGE YOU!!

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