



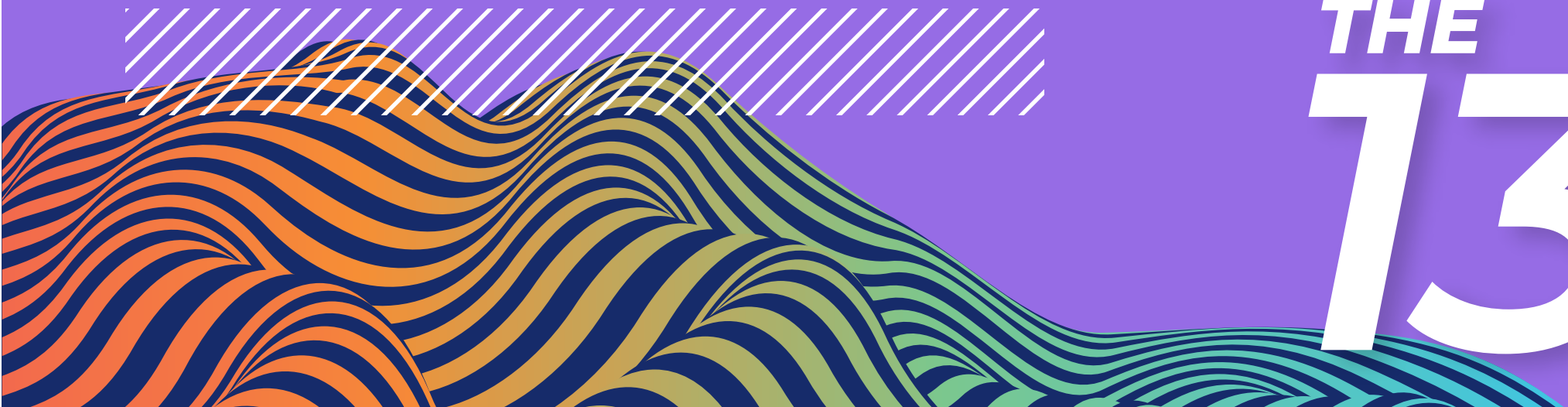
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SEASON 2

A message series
about making disciples then and now.



THE
13TH (Saul to Paul)
APOSTLE



UNSTOPPABLE UNSTOPPABLE BIBLE READING PLAN

Season 2

Week 1	30 MAY	Acts 6:8 - 7:60
Week 2	6 JUNE	Acts 8:1 - 8:40
Week 3	13 JUNE	Acts 9:1 - 9:31

Season 3

Week 4	27 JUNE	Acts 9:32 - 11:18
Week 5	4 JULY	Acts 11:19 - 12:24

Season 4

Week 6	11 JULY	Acts 12:25 - 14:26
Week 7	18 JULY	Acts 15:1 - 16:5



**ISRAEL AT THE TIME
OF JESUS**
1ST CENTURY AD



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Acts 9 Then Saul, still **breathing threats and murder** against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the **synagogues of Damascus**, so that if he found any **who were of the Way**, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9

³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?**”



⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?”

Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”



Acts 9 ⁶ 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.”

Acts 9

⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ 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. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9

¹⁰ Now there was a **certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias**; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.”

And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹ So the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for **behold, he is praying**. ¹² And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”

Acts 9

¹³ Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much [b]harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a **chosen vessel of Mine** to **bear My name** before **Gentiles, kings,** and the **children of Israel.**

¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he **must suffer for My name’s sake.**”

Acts 9

¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be **filled with the Holy Spirit.**”

¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and **he arose and was baptized.**


¹⁹ So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

Acts 9

²⁰ **Immediately he preached** the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

²¹ Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?”

²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.



Acts 9 ²³ Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.
²⁴ But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. ²⁵ Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

Acts 9

²⁶ And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ **But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles.** And he declared to them how **he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him**, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9

²⁸ So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.

²⁹ And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. ³⁰ **When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.**



Acts 9 ³¹ Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.





***Paul's conversion has
a pattern that we can follow***



- Conversion
 - Community
 - Commission
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1 Tim 2

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was **formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy** because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ And the **grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant**, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

1 Tim 2

¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, **as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.**