

1) BC / AD

- Bible tells stories of people who had a BC life and got transformed to an AD life. We all have a **BC** life:
- Saul (later called Paul) had a BC life *Phil 3:4-6, Gal 1:13-14*
- The Lord starts working on Saul but he was stubborn like an OX *Acts 26:14*

2) Saul's Conversion

- But God had **PURPOSE** for this young man *Acts 26:16*

3) Saul's AD Life

- How long had he been so wrong? Did he remember watching the life ebbing from Stephen, and hearing those words, "*Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.*" *Acts 7:55-60*
- **PURPOSE:** In obedience to Saul embraced his calling to minister the Gospel to the Gentiles. *Acts 26:16*
- He even forsook his Jewish name, **Saul**, and forever adopted the Greek name... **Paul**

Saul left the BC life behind and embraced the AD life of Paul

- He became a Spirit Filled / Faith Walking / Hope- Healer / Grace – Seeker / Demon Slayer/ Chain Breaker / Life Changer / Tongue Talking / Radical follower of Jesus
- He wrote half the NT - Rom, 1st & 2nd Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1st & 2nd Thess, 1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus, Philemon
- Paul discovered Hope / Love / Life / Holy Spirit / Jesus / Grace / Resurrection & Wholeness

- From claiming to be the best Jew, he now claimed to be the least and most insignificant of the apostles Christ (*2 Cor 11:23; 1 Cor 15:9-10*) and attributed his successes to the grace of God.

4) How about you and me?

- There is a more glorious life available to everyone, no one is beyond help to have a transformed life.

Every saint has a past, but every sinner has a future

Alfred Nobel Example: If he were dead, they would have been right, but he wasn't so decided to change his legacy... Nobel said, "**Every man ought to have the chance to correct his obituary in midstream and write a new one.**"

- God has been in **PURPOSEFUL PURSUIT** of us from the foundation of the world
- Damascus for Saul was a crossroad intersection /a place of decision let go of **BC**. Are you at a Crossroad, one decision away from **AD** experience -
- We need to like Saul ask: "**What do you want me to do Lord**"
 - **Surrender** - When **Surrendered** to Him we take on His **Purpose**, He empowers us for our lives and the mission
- We can't determine what kind of life we will be given, but we can change what we choose for the future.

Everyone has opportunity to choose new obituary – Road to Damascus is a crossroads

5) What do I need to do?

- **Surrender** the old **BC** life and obediently move into the **AD** life with Jesus.
- Saul surrendered to the Lord and was obedient to follow His instruction and was strengthened. *Acts 9:22*
- The invite is **broad** – whoever may come to Jesus and **Surrender**
- But the invite is also **narrow** – we need to be **Obedient** to follow
- We need to stop kicking against the goads and being stubborn – obediently follow Jesus

6) God has a Purpose for you!

- God created Adam & Eve and gave them divine Purpose *Genesis 1:27-31*
- We lost this purpose, sold out to the devil – we started to follow the devils plans and purposes.
- But when we drink of the living water form Jesus, when we stop fighting and stubbornly resist his goading
- When we surrender to Him – He re-instates the **Mission**, the **Plan**, The **Purpose**
 - He Re-creates us in himself
 - He gives us a destiny and a purpose to fulfil *Ephesians 2:10*

All we need to do is surrender and be obedient – will you today?