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Perseverance

[2 Cor. 4:7-9](#)

The Apostle Paul certainly endured some difficult times. Before his conversion, Acts 9 tells us that he was breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. He visited the High Priest and got authority to bring any followers of Jesus that he encountered on his way to Damascus back to Jerusalem.

But, something happened on the road to Damascus...a light from heaven flashed around him and he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Well, you know the rest of the story, Saul is blinded and all this leads to a change in his name from Saul to Paul, and a change in his mission from persecutor to premier apostle.

Now, you might think that once Paul became a follower of Jesus and committed his life to Jesus' mission, his life would be easy. It was not.

Paul suffered just about every calamity possible. He was shipwrecked, arrested and placed in prison, he was beaten, and persecuted time after time. He was transformed from a persecutor to one who throughout the remainder of his life, suffered persecution for the sake of the gospel.

We certainly are going through a difficult time in the life of our nation and in the life of our church, but as Paul showed us, we cannot give up. We have a mission and even though it is not easy at times to remain committed and faithful, we must not give up. We have been called by Jesus to love and serve this community. We have the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us.

We may be perplexed at times but we must persevere.

With hope and prayers,

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Wednesday June 10, 2020
6 p.m. on ZOOM

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