

Going Next Level

An Unstoppable Force Meets Immovable Objects: Next Level Message

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To go to the next level, we need _____ at the _____.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. Acts 9:19b-20, NIV

The good news that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world is an _____.

²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah. Acts 9:21-22, NIV

The gospel can move an _____ like Saul.

He went from "What can I do?" to "What has Jesus done?"

²³ After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, ²⁴ but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. ²⁵ But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. Acts 9:23-25, NIV

_____ was not an unstoppable force.

WARNING: When I set myself "in the center," I set myself up for _____.

²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. Acts 9:26-27, NIV

When the gospel moves my immovable _____,
I can be a powerful _____ to God's love.

²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. ³⁰ When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. Acts 9:28-30, NIV

Many immovable objects _____ move.

At those times we might need to _____.

³¹ Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. Acts 9:31, NIV

God's Word brings both _____ and _____.

See the blessing in _____ of them.

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My next step: I have been moved by the "unstoppable force" of the gospel. I will use my life as a witness to direct people to Jesus and his amazing love. I will embrace both the conflict and peace of being a follower of Jesus.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.