



## **“A Basket and a Barnabas”**

Acts 9:20-31

October 6, 2024

### SERMON REVIEW

#### **In the midst of our sufferings,**

1. God is shaping our \_\_\_\_\_ (9:19-25).
2. God is giving \_\_\_\_\_ (9:26-31).

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. From the outset of his relationship with Jesus, being a Christian involved many sufferings for the apostle Paul. Throughout his letters, Paul teaches Christians not only to expect hardship, but also to see God's hand upon our lives during hardship. How is this expressed in Romans 5:1-4? How have these truths been seen in your life?
2. Being lowered in a basket was a very humbling experience for a man like Saul of Tarsus. He expressed the value of this and other painful moments in II Corinthians 12:10. In what ways has the Lord taught you the value of humility and strength in the midst of weakness?
3. Barnabas was a true encouragement to Saul and the church as he took a bold stand as an advocate. Reflecting on the following verses, how can Bethel Grace grow in the practice of bringing renewal through the encouragement of others? (Proverbs 12:18, 25; 16:24; 18:14; 27:9, 17; Isaiah 50:4; I Thess. 5:11)
4. Acts 9:20 holds the only use of the title "Son of God" in the book of Acts. Paul uses this title of Christ only 4 times in his letters (Rom. 1:4; 2 Cor. 2:19; Gal 2:20 and Eph 4:14). Reflecting on the preceding Christophany in Acts 9 and the strong Christological greeting of Romans 1:1-4, what is the significance of that title? How does knowing Christ as Son of God help us in our troubles?