When was the last time you were called upon to surrender? Was it in a game of chance or chess? Were you snookered by someone you were certain was inferior to you? How was it you were bested in something in which you took great pride? When have you been forced to admit you were wrong?

Today we will reflect on the transformation of a man whose life was radically changed when he surrendered to Jesus. Surrender to God takes place in a moment and over a lifetime. What place does surrender have in your life? Ask God to prepare your heart in this moment to help you grasp the wonder of fresh surrender.

Be certain (Acts 9:5)

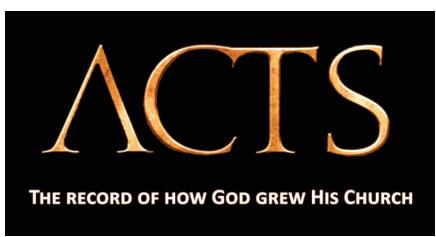
Be obedient (9:17)

Be ready (22:1-16; 26:12-18)

Be surrendered (9:10; 22:10)

Personal Application and Group Interaction

- 1. How do you handle the realization that you have been bested in sports or a game?
- 2. Describe all the nuances of surrender in Acts 9:1-19 (and Paul's testimony in Acts 22:1-16; 26:12-18).
- 3. What were the circumstances of your original surrender to Christ as your Savior and Lord?
- 4. Describe the watershed moments of your surrender to Christ and His will for your life. When have you found this to be most challenging or difficult?
- 5. What are you facing right now that is calling for fresh surrender to the Lord and His will?
- 6. What do you know you are learning about the wonder of surrender to the will and work of the Lord?



Surrender

Acts 9:1-19

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