

HOW TO START A REVOLUTION

Radical Change

Acts 9:1-31

Conversion – is the act or process of changing something into a different state or form.

Saul's/Paul's conversion story is such a strategic event in his life that it is recorded three times in Acts (8:1-32; 22:1-16; 26:4-18)

THERE ARE THREE KEY ELEMENTS IN EVERY CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

1. EVERYBODY HITS A BRICK WALL

(This is the “get my attention” experience.)

Acts 9:1-5

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,” he replied.

Acts 9:3-5 NIV

Walls can include . . .

- Pain
- Knowledge
- Experience
- Invitation

2. EVERYONE HAS THE LIGHT TURN ON

(This is when we get a clearer understanding of who we are and who Jesus is.)

Acts 9:6-16

Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

Acts 9:8-9 NIV

3. EVERYONE HAS TO OPEN THE DOOR

Acts 9:17-31

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acts 9:17-18 NIV

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

Revelation 3:20 NLT

NIV -New International Version
NLT – New Living Translation