

Acts 26:14-20
“In My Defense”
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I. God can use disruption to provide direction vs. 14-15

God can reach you exactly where you are

- He knows how to speak our language
 - Jesus addresses Paul personally
 - Jesus speaks to him not just about his situation but through his situation

- He sees and challenges our heart and motives
 - Although God has persistently prompted Paul to stop, Paul had consistently resisted God’s will
 - Our relationship with God is reflected in our relationship to His people

- He reveals himself to us
 - Paul was initially confused yet the voice of God gave clarity
 - Jesus always identifies with His children.

II. Our purpose is the brought forth in God’s presence vs. 16-20

God’s vision for our lives will always bring glory to him and good to others

- Only God can give us purpose
 - God purpose for Paul’s life doesn’t make his life easier but more rewarding
 - Paul did not see a better way until he was on his back and standing up was his turning point

- Paul's future would be uncovered or revealed. There were things that God planned to do and bring forth in Paul's life that Paul did not know

A purposeful life doesn't mean problem free life

- Our obedience to divine revelation will be tested
 - God's provided deliverance and protection
 - Paul was set to face opposition from both groups yet was still going to be sent
 - Paul would find no comfort in either group would and placating to them would be dismissive to the mission

Our purpose comes with a miracle sized mission

- Reveal the truth of the gospel with our lives
- We must remain faithful to the mission to accomplish the vision