

Saul not trusted (Dylan Spivy)

Have you ever been in a situation where you were not trusted? I know that has happened to me. It probably happens to everyone at some time. Can you imagine what it was like for Saul in Acts 9:21-30. First, Saul kills followers of Christ, so of course they are scared of him. Jesus chooses him and he appears to him on the road to Damascus. Saul goes to Damascus to preach but the people didn't believe he was here to preach they thought he was there to arrest them, which makes sense since that is what he started out on the trip planning to do. The Jews planned to kill him and Saul heard about this so some of Christ's other followers helped him one night to escape through a hole in the city wall and go to Jerusalem. But even then, when he got to Jerusalem the people were scared of him. Even though Christians helped save him from the Jews, they still didn't believe him. Only Barnabus accepted him and took him to the apostles. Barnabus told them about how Saul preached in Damascus. Then Saul stayed in Jerusalem with Barnabus. Here we can see that Saul was not trusted but he trusted God and went to Jerusalem. The Lord spoke to Barnabus and told him that he could trust Saul. Because Barnabus trusted the Lord and therefore trusted Saul, he was able to persuade some of the apostles to also begin trusting Saul. You may think you can't teach a class or lead a prayer, because other people in the church may know something about you that causes them not to trust you, but if the Lord can forgive Saul and in turn, get Barnabus, the apostles and eventually thousands of others to trust Saul, don't you think he can do the same for you?