



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

## PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

### “POWERFUL ENCOUNTER”

#### Relationship Series Part 7

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Saul of Tarsus had a powerful encounter with God that changed him tremendously (Acts 9:1-19). Through his transformation, he became a new person. Similarly, anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person; the old life is gone, and a new life has begun (2 Cor. 5:17). Indeed, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation experiencing a changed and Spirit-filled life.

#### 1. How was Paul’s transformation process?

- 1.1 He was the chosen instrument of God (Jn. 15:16).
- 1.2 He regained his sight and was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 1.3 His purpose was to proclaim the Good News to the Gentiles and the people of Israel.
- 1.4 He was told of the suffering he would endure for Jesus.

#### 2. How are we honored when God chooses us?

God's choice means:

- 2.1 Great honor and responsibility. Being chosen comes with great responsibility (Jn. 15:16).
- 2.2 Receiving special blessings from Him. It is an honor to be called by God to serve as vessels in carrying out His plans and purposes.
- 2.3 Being devoted to Him. We must commit ourselves to live according to His will and obey His commands.
- 2.4 An incredible and humbling honor. God loves us enough to single us out for a certain mission like Abraham, Moses, David, Sis. Techie Rodriguez, etc.
- 2.5 Signifying His favor toward us. We become the anointed vessels to which the Holy Spirit can work in extraordinary ways.
  - 2.6 Requiring great sacrifice.. We should be good models of Christ in giving our time to others which may involve leaving family, friends, jobs, or possessions.

2.7 Being part of His holy nation and His royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9). We become part of the special group with unique gifts and abilities; however, we need to obey Him cheerfully and sacrificially.

2.8 Being filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4-5). The presence of the Holy Spirit is a sign that we are chosen by God (Gal. 5:16-17).

2.9 Having a changed life (2 Cor. 3:18). We become the mirrors of Christ as they see Jesus in our actions and deeds (2 Cor. 3:18).

2.10 Openness to the Word of God (Jn. 8:47). We actively listen and study God’s Word, and welcome His will even if it hurts.

2.11 Answered prayers. We should put our lives in order and accept God as our Lord and Savior (1 Jn. 5:14-16; Jm. 5:16).

2.12 An incredible privilege and blessing. When He calls us for something, it will always be important and will require our full attention.

2.13 Giving ourselves to Him in any capacity. He will equip us with wisdom, the necessary abilities, and supernatural strength to fulfill our role/s effectively.

2.14 Affirming that His love for us will never change. He has chosen us for a particular purpose and He will neither abandon nor forsake us.

#### Conclusion:

As Christians, we believe that God has an individual plan for each of our lives and that He chooses who will live according to His purpose. Thus, it means that God has set us apart from the rest. We need to obey Him wholeheartedly.

#### Reflection:

1. What transformation do people see in you?
2. Will you be honored if God chooses you?

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