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SERIES OVERVIEW:

Your life has a story to tell. A story of a God who works in incredible ways. Join us over the next five weeks to look at the life and story of Paul. Paul's life was not about Paul. It was about what God was able to do with Paul. As we look at the work of Jesus in every season of Paul's life, we learn that our stories celebrate God's incredible work and the workings of God's Kingdom through His redeemed people.

SERMON RECAP:

Gospel identity is always received and is never achieved. As we unpack the life of Paul to see how Jesus radically changed every facet of his life, we will be pressed to know our faith story and have the courage to share it. Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. Belonging to the Father is not about what I have done for Him but what He has done for me.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- Brannon mentioned that the gospel is received, never achieved. What do you think about that statement? How is that good news?
- What aspects of Paul's story resonate with you? [Acts 9]
- Stories are powerful. Is there a time when God used someone's story to impact your understanding of Jesus and your walk with Him? (Share how it impacted you, while respecting the privacy of others' stories.)
- In what ways have you found yourself seeking to answer the question "Why should God let me into His Heaven?" with a 1st person response? How has that changed?

NEXT STEPS:

Take space as a community or individually to move from Sunday sermons to everyday practice. We believe our stories celebrate God's incredible work. Take some space to think through how your story points to Jesus and how God may be entrusting you to steward your story of His work for His glory.

- In what ways could you share your story with others to make much of Jesus?
- How is Jesus continuing to write your faith story? How would you summarize the story of His work in your life?
 - ***Here's where I was***
 - ***Here's how I met Him***
 - ***Here's what He's doing now***

If you have questions, or would like to talk or pray, you can set up a conversation with a Pastor here: ncchapel.com/meet