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AUTHENTIC DEVOTION
ACTS 26:13-18 & Colossians 2:6-7

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Authentic: "one of undisputed origin; genuine."
"Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him [be obedient]. Let your [spiritual] roots grown down into Him and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth..." — Colossians 2:6-7
- B. Authentic **devotion** is about accepting Jesus, obeying and growing.
"But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God." — John 1:12
"We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body the Church." — Ephesians 4:15
"...that you may become mature Christians and may fulfill God's will for you." — Colossians 4:12b

I. AUTHENTIC DEVOTION STARTS WITH AN ACCURATE VIEW OF JESUS.

- A. We need to know "**who**" Jesus is.
"Who are you Lord?" I asked. And the Lord replied, 'I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting.' — Acts 26:15
- B. Knowing Jesus is life's continuing **priority**.
"Everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." — Philippians 3:8
- C. Knowing Jesus is a Christian's continuing challenge.
"For as you know Him better, He will give you, through His great power, everything you need for living a truly good life; He even shares His own glory and His own goodness with us!" — 2 Peter 1:3

II. AUTHENTIC DEVOTION IS A CALL TO ACTION.

- A. ***"Now get to your feet!"*** — Acts 26:16a

III. AUTHENTIC DEVOTION IMPACTS US PERSONALLY.

- "For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness."*** — Acts 26:16b

IV. AUTHENTIC DEVOTION ENABLES THE SUPERNATURAL.

- A. ***"Yes I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light...they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people..."*** — Acts 26:18
- B. **Jesus** "sent our sins away for us."
"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Colossians 2:13

CONCLUSION