

The Persecutor Persecuted
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Acts 9:19-31

Review:

- Saul!
 - Persecuted the church...
 - Now, a member!

Scene 1 – In Damascus

- Saul connects with the disciples.
- Saul preaching.
 - At once...
 - Message: Jesus is the Son of God!
 - Listeners: Wasn't he on the other team?
 - Saul grew more and more powerful
 - The listeners were baffled.
- Jews conspire to kill Saul.
- Saul escapes at night.

Scene 2 – In Jerusalem

- Saul tries to connect with the disciples.
 - They were afraid – Is this a trick?
 - Barnabas took him in!
 - Barnabas shared Saul's testimony and radical conversion.
- Saul preaching.
- Jews conspire to kill Saul.
- Saul escapes to his home (Tarsus).

Result:

- Church was strengthened and grew!
 - Growth – Numerical and Spiritual.

Application:

- Are you speaking up?
- Trust God, no matter what.
 - Persecution? The church grew...
 - Time of peace? The church grew...