

The Day That Changed Everything

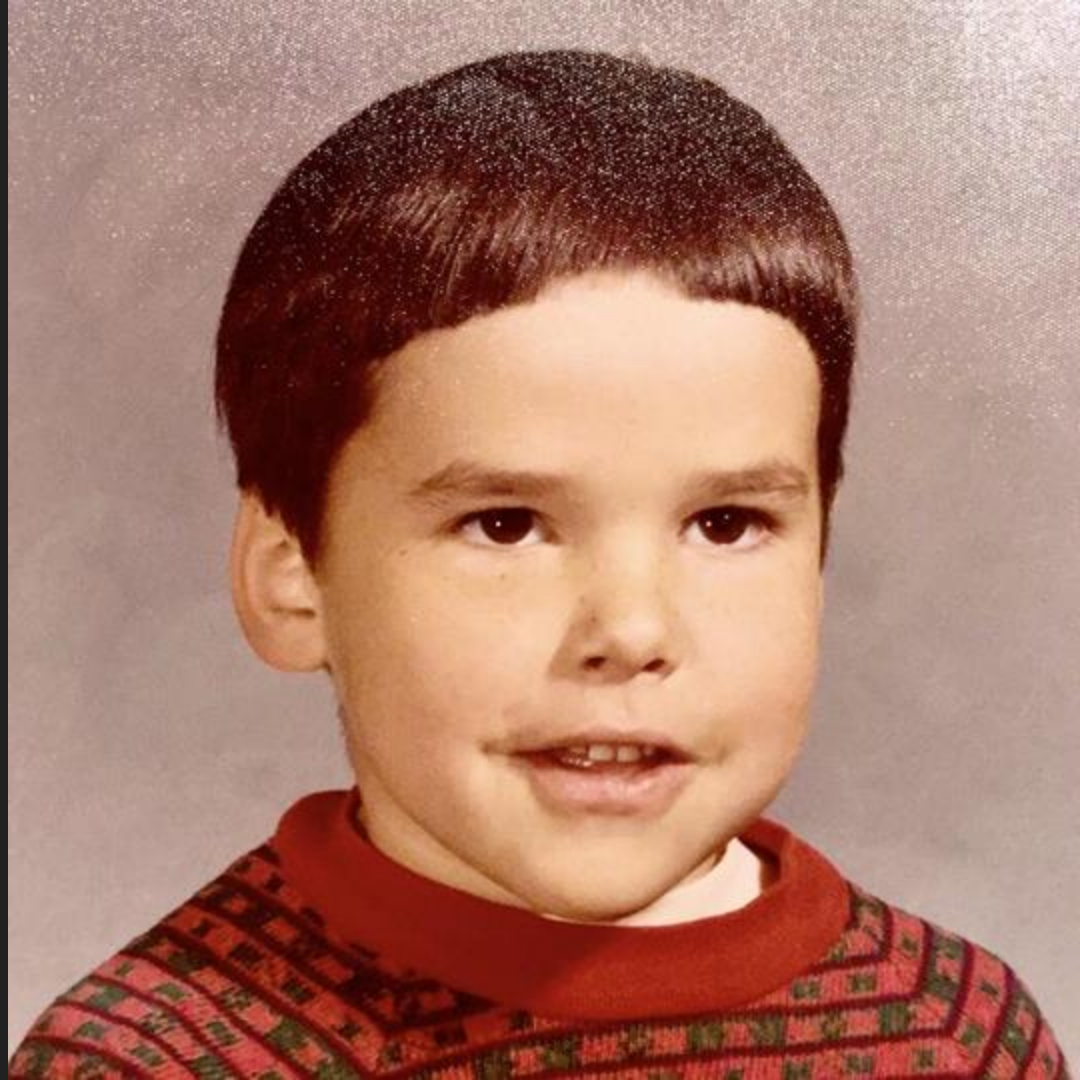
Acts 26:12-20

**What is a moment in
your life that had life
altering impact?**

Birth



Kindergarten



Family





EFCA

Pacific Northwest District

MULTIPLYING HEALTHY CHURCHES
AMONG ALL PEOPLES



- 40 churches/2 camps
- 6 regions/regional pastors
- 4 District staff
- 500 miles from Canada to California
- Over 1600 EFCA congregations nationwide
- 17 districts in the US
- 600+ missionaries in 50+ countries

**What are some seismic
shifts in the Bible?**

Seismic Shifts

- Creation/Fall
- Abrahamic Covenant
- Birth of Jesus
- Death/Resurrection
- Pentecost

Seismic Shifts

- Acts 9

- v. 1 – "Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples."
- v. 3 – "As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him."

Acts 25-26

- 25 years later
- Paul before Governor Festus, King Agrippa, and Bernice
- Story is told in 3 places in the book of Acts (9, 22, 26)

Acts 26:12-20

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14 We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' 15 "Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' " 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied.

16 “Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. 17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them...”

18 "...to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

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**Damascus,
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Acts 9:8-9

8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

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3. What is one step of obedience God has asked you to take?