



Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." **Acts 9:1-6 (NIV)**

"If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless." **Phil. 3:4-6**

"This is a true saying,...: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—and I was the worst of them all." **1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)**

## IF I AM TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF FAILURE...

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_

"About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. <sup>7</sup> I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?' "Who are you I asked?" "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' **Acts 22:6-9 (NIV)**

#### Facts About Correction/Discipline

### A. Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." **Hebrews 12:4 (NIV)**

### B. Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not disciplined – and everyone undergoes discipline – then you are illegitimate children and not true sons..." **Hebrews 12:8 (NIV)**

### C. Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful..." **Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)**

### D. Discipline's \_\_\_\_\_

"Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." **Hebrews 12:11b (NIV)**

### E. Discipline's \_\_\_\_\_

"What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit?" **1 Corinthians 4:21 (NIV)**

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

"I asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Then he told me, "Get up and go to Damascus. When you get there, you will be told what to do." **Acts 22:10 (CEV)**

"I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. <sup>9</sup>Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line!" **Psalms 32:8.9 (LB)**

**God does great things in the lives of those who say,**  
"\_\_\_\_\_."

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_

"I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps." **Jeremiah 10:23 (NIV)**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding" **Psalms 110:10 (NIV)**

"If you want to live, give up your foolishness and let understanding guide your steps." **Proverbs 9:6 (CEV)**

"I do not enjoy seeing you die," the Lord God says. "Turn, turn and live!" **Ezekiel 18:32 (LB)**

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_

"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name." **Acts 22:16 (NIV)**

"Our guilt overwhelms us, but you forgive our sins. **Psalm 65:3 (NCV)**