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## **During this series...**

1. Celebrate the saving power of our God
2. Revitalize hope that God still saves today
3. Inspire you to pray
4. Give knowledge and tools to equip you
5. Debunk myths regarding evangelism
6. We want God to save people!

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**Last Week...**

Is God's arm too short?

**Myth # 1...** God only saves  
a certain type of person

God Saves the Wayward  
& the Uninterested

God Saves the Rebellious  
& Religious



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## **Preamble...**

- God loves lost people
- Our motivation is not guilt, duty or shame
- We are compelled by love – we need God to duplicate his heart for lost people in us



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## **God saves the Rebellious**

Luke 15:25-32... 2 Sons

- The prodigal son
- Don't give up on the rebellious... God's arm is not too short to save them
- The older son
- The invitation extended to both sons



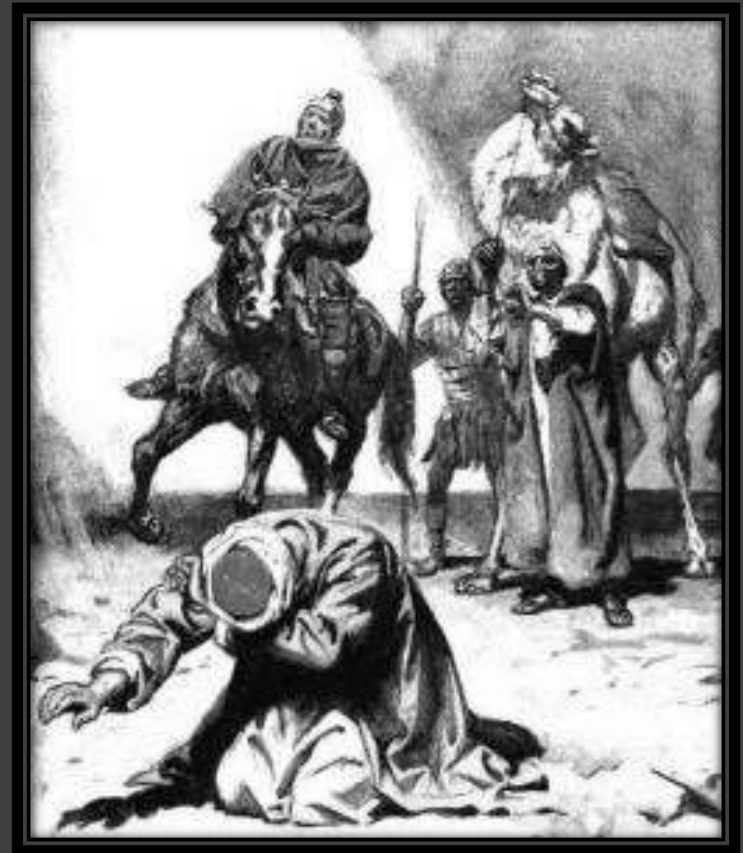


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## **God saves the Religious**

### Acts 9... Saul of Tarsus

- Big potential – studied under famous scribe
- Religious zeal unmatched (Acts 7; Phil 3:4-7)
- The road to Damascus – Jesus chooses Saul
- Paul - Apostle, missionary



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Religious people perhaps  
most difficult to save

- Hard hearts
- Don't know they're not saved (Matt 7:21-23)



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<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.<sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’<sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’



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Can God save religious  
people from other  
religions?

Yes! No one is out of his  
reach!



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**God saves from every tribe &  
nation...**

**Inclusive vs. Exclusive**

**Acts 17:24-31**



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<sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

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<sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

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<sup>29</sup> “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”

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