



# Outward Church: The Least Likely Disciple

*Acts 9:1-19a*

*Saul was the least likely of  
disciples.*

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**Numbers 25:6-8 (NIV)** 6 Then an Israelite man brought into the camp a Midianite woman right before the eyes of Moses and the whole assembly of Israel while they were weeping at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

7 When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand 8 and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear into both of them, right through the Israelite man and into the woman's stomach. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped;

## **Psalm 106:30-31 (NIV)**

30 But Phinehas stood up and intervened,  
and the plague was checked.

31 This was credited to him as righteousness  
for endless generations to come.

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of disciples.*

**1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NIV)** 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

**Luke 13:24-25 (NIV)** 24 “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. 25 Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’”



*Jesus loves to save the least likely  
of disciples through us.*