

Leaning on the Lord

Acts 9:1-31

July 19, 2026 – Eric Abbey

Theme: Because the Lord is faithful to advance his good plan for his people - often through surprising resurrection - you can trust him with any confusing difficulties in our church and in your own life.

- I. The Lord faithfully advances his good plan in Acts
 - A. The plan appears thwarted: death, rage, & scattering (7:54-8:3)
 - B. The plan advances in Judea & Samaria (8:4-40)
 - C. The plan brightens for witness to the Gentiles (9:1-31)
 - 1. God mightily converts Saul (1-19a)
 - a. The enemy of the Lord... (1-2)
 - b. ...meets the risen Christ (3-19a)
 - 2. God strategically prepares Saul (19b-30)
 - a. Paul preaches boldly and wisely (19b-22)
 - b. Paul suffers Jewish opposition (23-30)
 - 3. God sets the stage for Gentile inclusion (31)

II. Are you leaning on the Lord today?

L

E

A

N

Leaning on the Lord

Acts 9:1-31

July 19, 2026 – Eric Abbey

Theme: Because the Lord is faithful to advance his good plan for his people - often through surprising resurrection - you can trust him with any confusing difficulties in our church and in your own life.

- I. The Lord faithfully advances his good plan in Acts
 - A. The plan appears thwarted: death, rage, & scattering (7:54-8:3)
 - B. The plan advances in Judea & Samaria (8:4-40)
 - C. The plan brightens for witness to the Gentiles (9:1-31)
 - 1. God mightily converts Saul (1-19a)
 - a. The enemy of the Lord... (1-2)
 - b. ...meets the risen Christ (3-19a)
 - 2. God strategically prepares Saul (19b-30)
 - a. Paul preaches boldly and wisely (19b-22)
 - b. Paul suffers Jewish opposition (23-30)
 - 3. God sets the stage for Gentile inclusion (31)

II. Are you leaning on the Lord today?

L

E

A

N