



Basket Case





Acts 9 – Conversion Countdown

1. **Crisis Confrontation:** Paul was headed to Damascus to arrest Christians and take them back to Jerusalem
2. **Revelation Understanding:** but Jesus blinded him and confronted him with the TRUTH
3. **Conversion Transformation:** Then God sent a believer named Ananias to lay hands on him to receive his sight and to receive the Holy Spirit



#4: Enthusiastic Proclamation

Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, ²⁰ and **immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, [h]saying, “He is the Son of God.”** ²¹ All those hearing him **continued to be amazed,** and were saying, *“Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”* ²² But Saul kept **increasing in strength** and **confounding the Jews** who lived at Damascus by **proving that this *Jesus* is the [i]Christ.**



#5: Complete Surrender

²³ **When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him,** ²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. **They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;** ²⁵ but **his disciples** took him by night and let him down through *an opening in the wall,* **lowering him in a large basket.**



Are You a Basket Case Yet?

- A Challenge, Problem, Obstacle or Dream that is beyond your control
- Out of ideas and low on resources
- Fearing Failure, Rejection or Death of the Vision
- No idea what to do, but doing nothing is not an option
- Only choice is to get in God's basket and completely surrender control
- Trust Him in a bigger, bolder, more desperate way than you ever have before





Where are you struggling right now?

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY