

1 Timothy 1:1-17

1. Paul had a SURPRISING DARK PAST

Acts 6:1-15

Acts 5:18

Acts 5:29-32

Acts 26:9-11

We can learn a few lessons from this truth:

- Regardless of what you have done, you are not beyond hope.
- Regardless how you look today, we all have a past that is neither pleasant nor encouraging.
- Regardless of how dark our past is, we can find a new beginning with God.

2. Paul had a SURPRISING FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Acts 9:1-31

I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.

"A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."

C.S. Lewis "Mere Christianity"

3. Paul had a SURPRISING OUTLOOK INTO THE FUTURE

2 Timothy 4:1-8