

Closer- Vision Series
Message Title: Don't Be Afraid of the Dark
February 1, 2026
Text: Acts 9:1–9 & Isaiah 45:3 NKJV

Acts 9:1-9

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Isaiah 45:3

*I will give you the treasures of darkness
And hidden riches of secret places,*

- 1. GOD INTERRUPTS US BEFORE HE TRANSFORMS US**
- 2. DARKNESS IS NOT THE **END**—IT'S THE **BEGINNING****
- 3. GOD USES DARKNESS TO CREATE **DEPENDENCE****
- 4. GOD IS WORKING ON YOUR **BREAKTHROUGH** WHILE YOU'RE STILL IN THE DARK**