

A LIFE WORTH LIVING “Broken People”

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⁷ The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone’s voice but saw no one! ⁸ Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. ⁹ He remained there blind **for three days and did not eat or drink.** **Acts 9:7-9 (NLT)**

⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. **Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.** ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. **Acts 7:54-60 (NIV)**

God ALWAYS HAS and ALWAYS WILL use broken people for GREAT THINGS!

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¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)