

VETTING A DISCIPLE

Acts 9:23-31

Theme: Three partners of a continuing believer

WBC, Sunday a.m., March 7, 2021, Pastor Dan Unruh

“Vet” = “to subject to thorough examination or evaluation.” (AHD)

I. SAUL (1-30)

A. Saul’s Conversion (1-19a)

B. Saul’s Continuation (19b-30) *is seen in his...*

1. ... D _____ (19b-22) _____ *the disciples*

2. ... D _____ (23-25) _____ *the disciples*

a. The Plot (23)

Do not expect to experience deliverance if you falter with de_____.

b. The Plot (24-25)

“an action calculated to frustrate an opponent or gain an advantage.”

Of Saul’s ...

1) ... D _____ (24)

Ps 7:10, “My _____ is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.” Ps 94:22, “But the Lord is my _____; and my God is the rock of my refuge.”

2) ... D _____ (25)

It is _____ to flee persecution!

3. ... END _____ (26-30) _____ *a disciple*

a. The Nature of Saul’s Endorsement (26)

1) SAUL’S M _____ ATTEMPTS TO JOIN DISCIPLES

Saul’s “*assaying*” evidences a true conversion. Instead of the disciples having to reach out to him he _____ reaches out to them.

2) DISCIPLES’ ONGOING M _____ OF SAUL

Christians should no more subject themselves to _____ than Saul did when he escaped the city of Damascus in a basket!

b. The Actions of Saul’s Endorsement (27-31)

1) HIS ENDORSER IN THE CHURCH (27)

2) HIS WORK WITH THE CHURCH (28-30)

3) HIS IMPACT ON THE CHURCH (31)