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Following Christ in Every Area of Life

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Saul of Tarsus

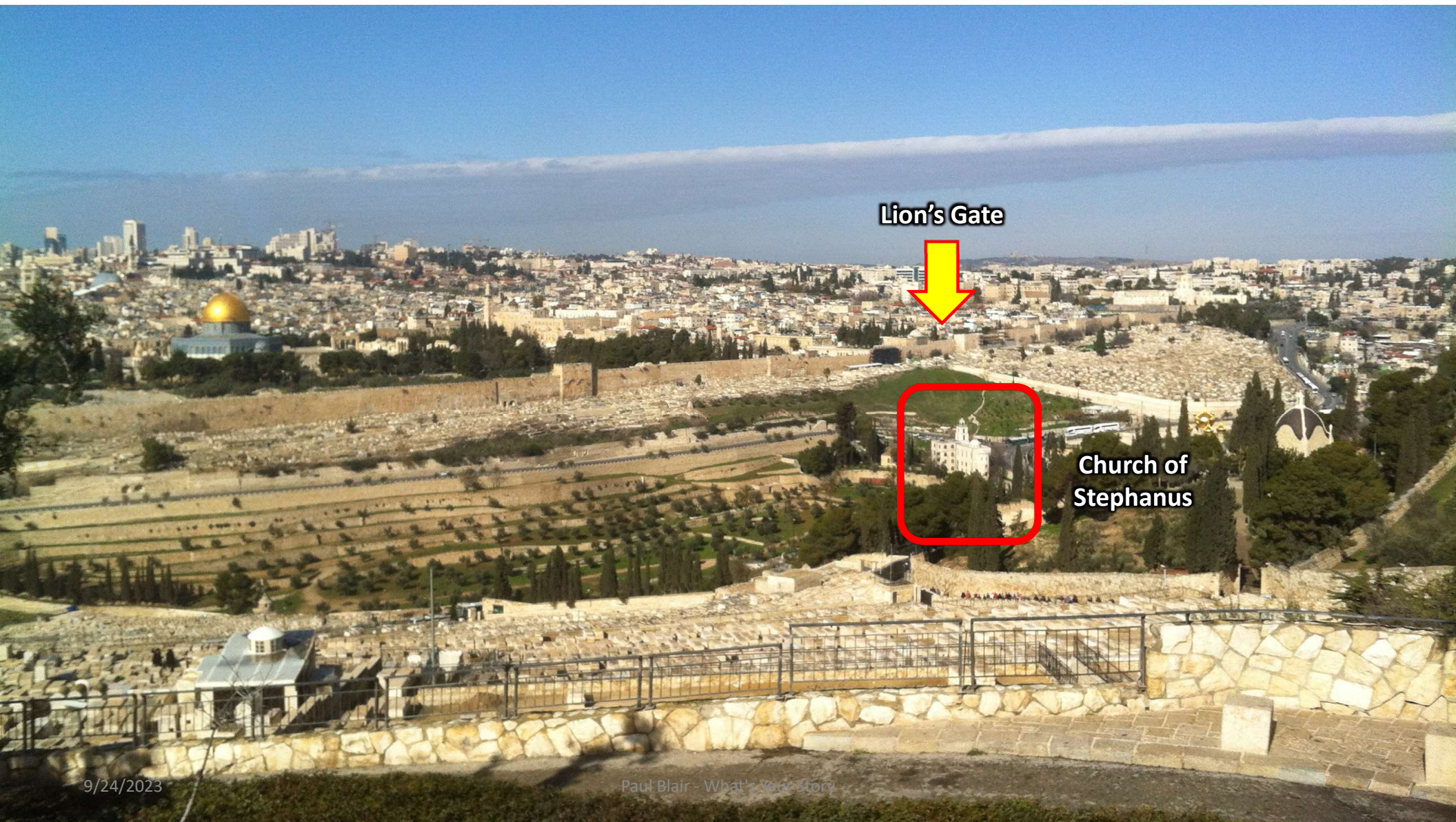
- A full blood Jew from the Tribe of Benjamin, but born in a free city of Roman control – Tarsus – and thus granted the privilege of Roman citizenship, as well.
- As a young man left Tarsus and went to the University of Jerusalem and studied under Gamaliel.
- A Pharisee - They were small in number, but very powerful and very self righteous and ultimately self serving – but as far as having a ZEAL for keeping the Law – they were the pinnacle. Paul was considered a very religious man. The pinnacle of religious life and activity. The manifestation of self – righteousness.
- Paul says of himself that he was a “Hebrew of the Hebrews” - The Sanhedrin claimed to be descendants from the 70 judges chosen to help Moses in the wilderness. Paul was thought to have been a member of the Sanhedrin. This religious ruling body in Jerusalem.

Acts 7:58-8:2

And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.





Lion's Gate

**Church of
Stephanus**

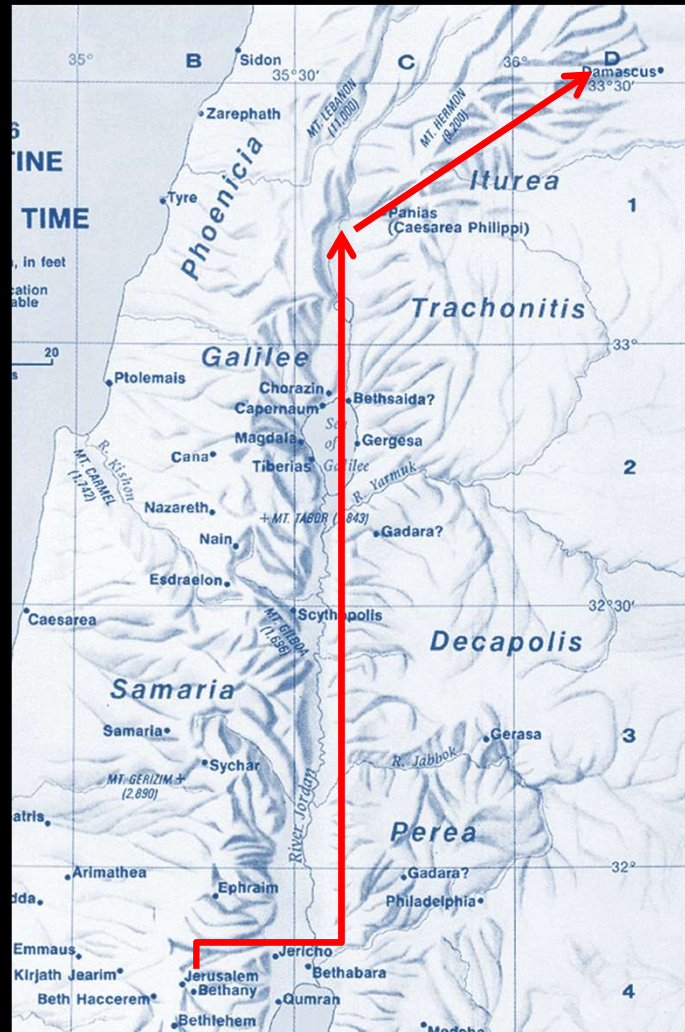
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Acts 8:1-3 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church ... As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling(dragging) men and women committed them to prison.

Acts 9:1-2 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.







Acts 9:3-6

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

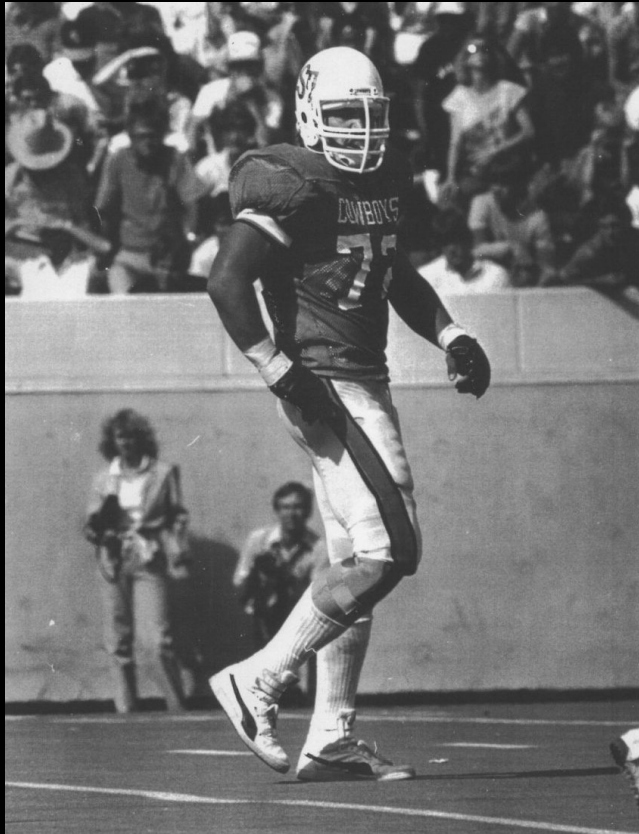
5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

**Your testimony is
your story of how
you came to meet Jesus.**



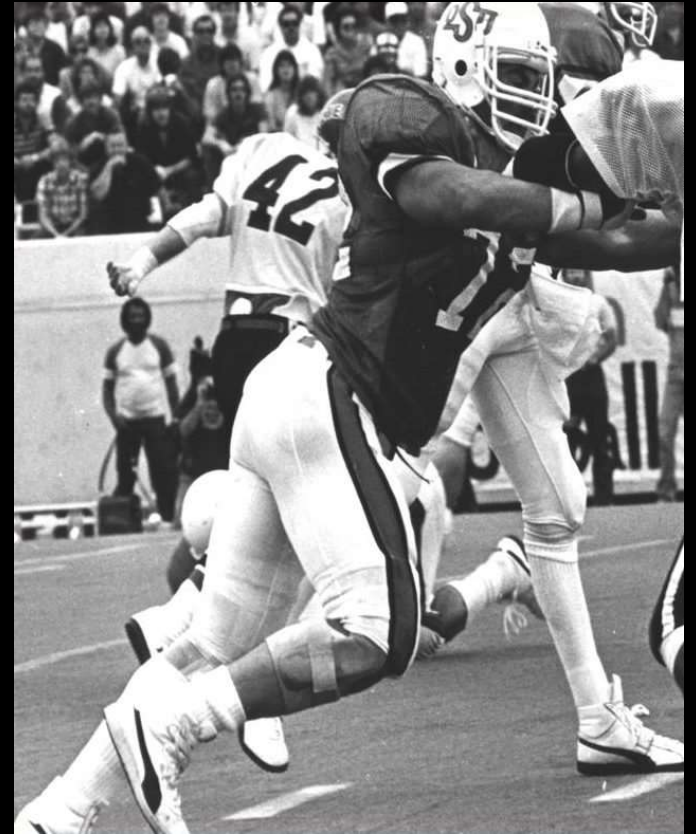




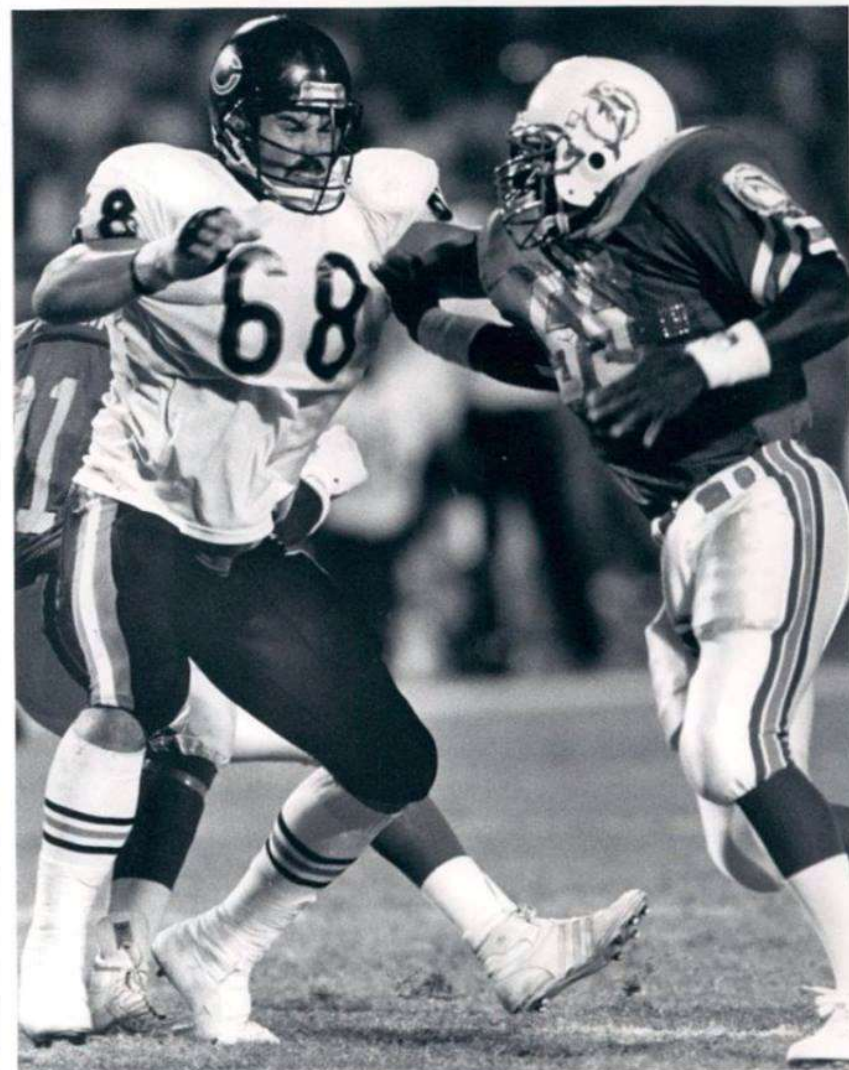
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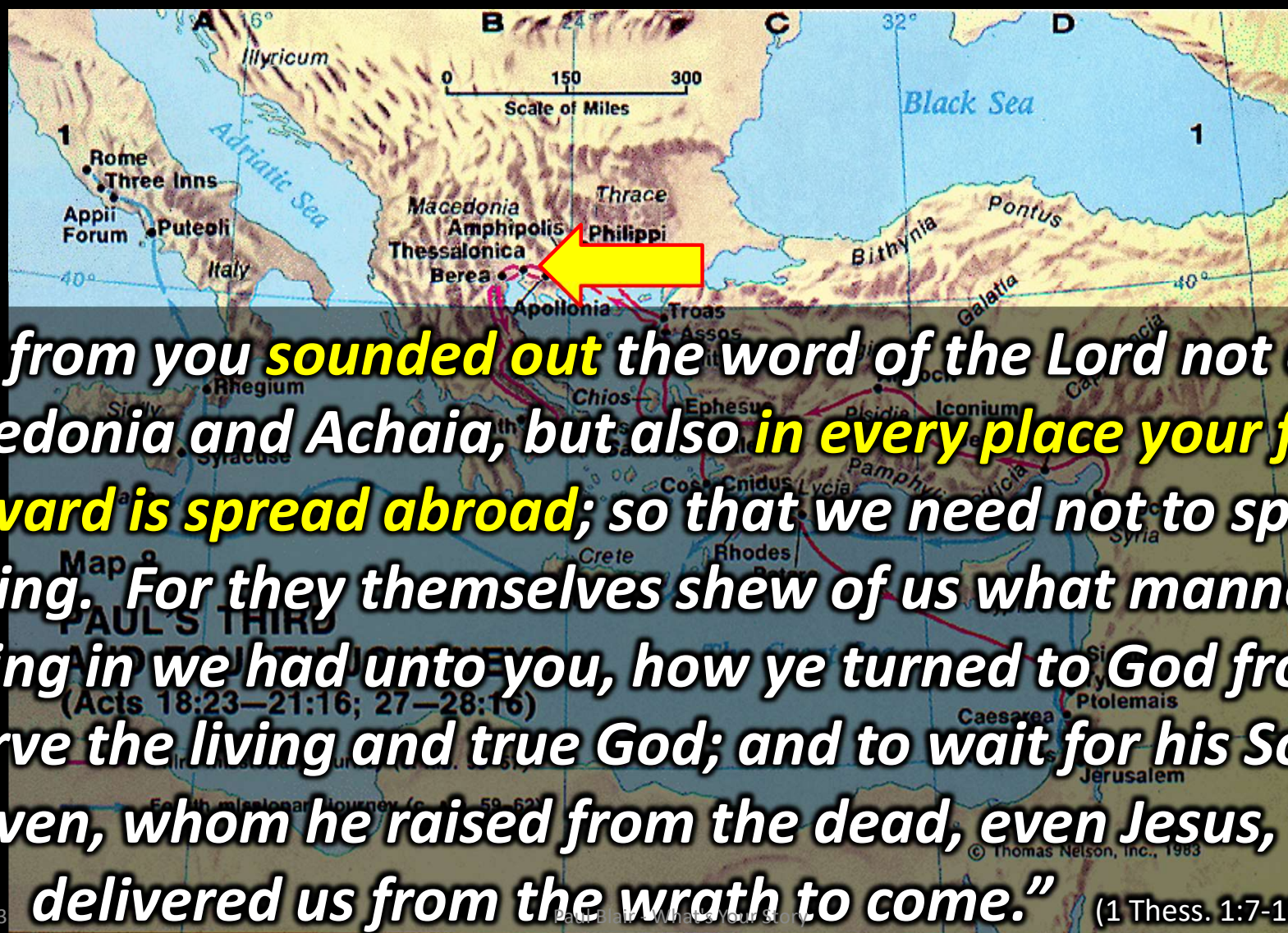
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everyone has
a STORY



**Your testimony is
not only what you
say, but what
others see.**



“For from you **sounded out** the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also **in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad**; so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” (1 Thess. 1:7-10)

1st Century
Christians

HOW THE APOSTLES DIED

New Testament
Church

APOSTLE	WHERE DIED	WHEN DIED	MANNER OF DEATH
PETER	Rome Italy (Nero)	54-56 AD	Crucified head down at his own request
ANDREW	Edessa, Greece	? AD	Severly scourged & ties by ropes on an x-shaped cross where he hung 2 days before dying
JAMES	Jerusalem (Herod)	44 AD 1st apostle martyred	Beheaded with sword. Mark 10:39 & Acts 12:1-2
JOHN	Ephesus	98 AD	Thrown in boiling oil but unharmed. Died of natural causes in Ephesus
PHILIP	Hieropolis, Syria	?AD	Crucified
BARTHOLOMEW	India or Armenia	?AD	Beaten, flayed, and crucified head down
THOMAS	Edessa, Greece	?AD	Lanced by Idolatrous priests and burned up in an oven
MATTHEW	Nadabah, Ethiopia	About 60 AD	Axed to death with a halberd
JAMES	Jerusalem	66 AD	Thrown down from the Temple tower & not dead, so clubbed to death with a fullers clud at age 94
THADDAEUS	Edessa, Greece	72 AD	Crucified
SIMON	Brittainia, Europe	? AD	Crucified
JUDAS ISCARIOT	Jerusalem	30 AD	Suicide by hanging
MATTHIAS	Jerusalem	? AD	Stoned & beheaded
PAUL	Rome. Italy	66 AD	Beheaded

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**Your testimony is your
final words to your
friends and family.**

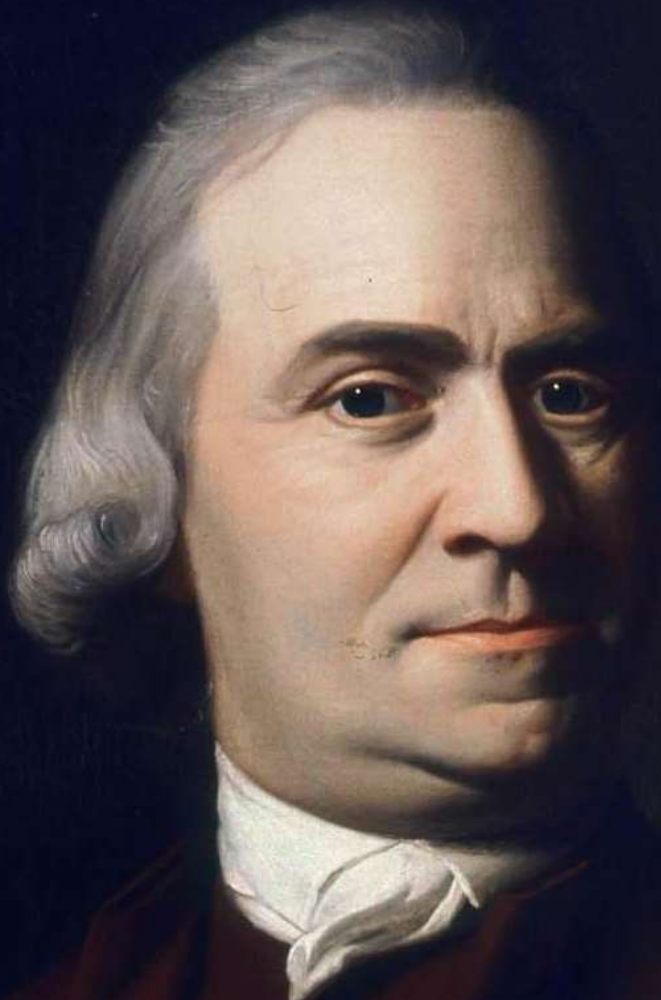
Ecclesiastes 7:2

It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

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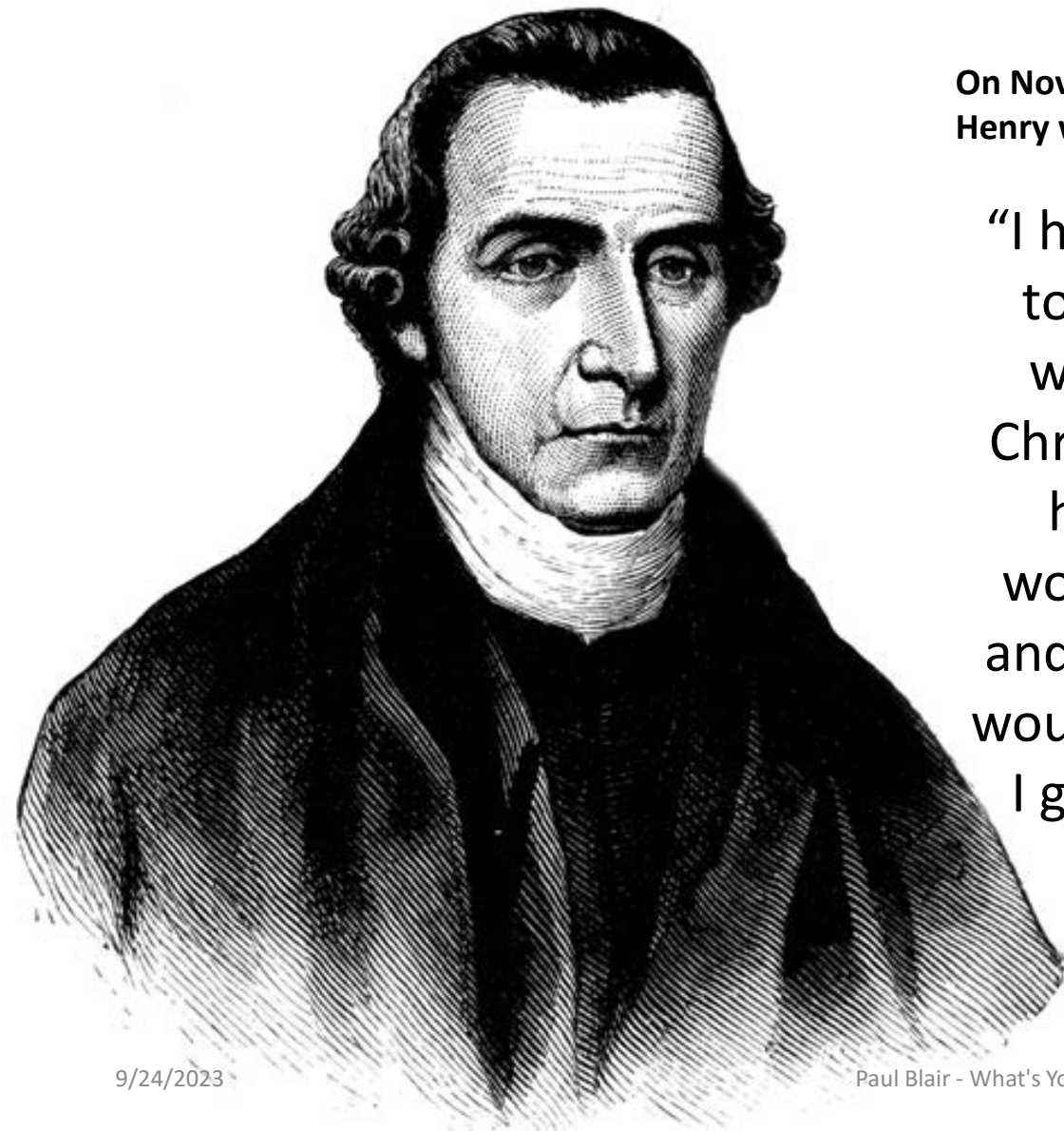
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A portrait of Sam Adams, a man with white powdered hair, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression.

*“Principally, and first of all,
I resign my soul to the
Almighty Being who gave
it, and my body I commit
to the dust, relying on the
merits of Jesus Christ for
the pardon of my sins.”*

- Sam Adams



On November 20, 1798, in his Last Will and Testament, Patrick Henry wrote:

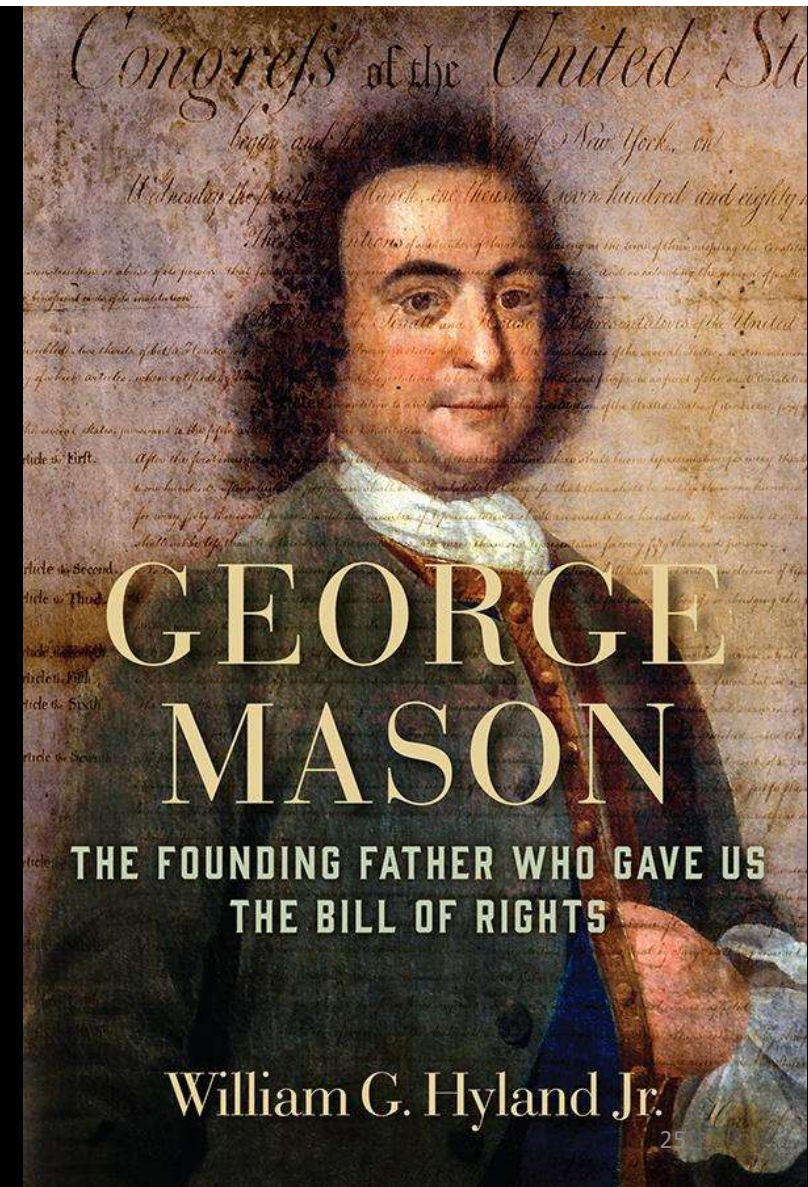
“I have now disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich, and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor. This is all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed.”

In his Last Will and Testament, George Mason stated:

My soul, I resign into the hands of my Almighty Creator, whose tender mercies are over all His works, who hateth nothing that He hath made and to the Justice and Wisdom of whose dispensation I willing and cheerfully submit, humbly hoping from His unbounded mercy and benevolence, through the merits of my blessed Savior, a remission of my sins.

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Unto Him who is the Author and Giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His merciful and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by his beloved Son. He has been pleased to bless me with excellent parents, with a virtuous wife, and with worthy children. His protection has accompanied me through many eventful years, faithfully employed in the service of my country;



and his providence has not only conducted me to this tranquil situation, but also given me abundant reason to be contented and thankful. Blessed be His Holy Name. While my children lament my departure, let them recollect that in doing them good, I was only the agent of their Heavenly Father, and that He never withdraws His care and consolations from those who diligently seek Him.

Last will and testament of John Jay



On May 17, 1829, John Jay was drawing near death after a life of serving his country. As recorded by his son, Judge William Jay, John Jay was asked if he had any words for his children, to which he responded:

“They have the Book.”

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