I. Acts 26:12-18

A. V14 - Saul rejecting the LORD

- 1. **Persecuting** *dioko* To pursue, to flee; intense effort and with definite purpose or goal. To organize a program to persecute or harass people.
- 2. <u>Kick against the goads</u> Rebellion against lawful authority, causing greater difficulty.

B. <u>V15</u> - Saul recognizes the LORD

1. <u>Lord</u> - *kurios* - Title for God or Jesus; Supreme in authority, title of respect for one who rules or exercises authority over others.

C. <u>V16</u> - Directive of purpose

- 1. **Rise** anistemi To come into existence, assuming a place or position.
- 2. <u>Stand</u> histemi Continue in your place in spite of resistance; Firmly planted & established
 - a) <u>Col 2:6-7</u>
 - b) **Ps 92:12-14**
- 3. **Appeared** *optanomai* To be seen by or to be visible to; something remarkable
- 4. **Purpose** Planned in advance, put in place before hand.
- 5. <u>Minister</u> *huperetes* under oarsman, subordinate; assistant or servant acting under the direction of another.
- 6. <u>Witness</u> martus One who testifies from personal knowledge; gives evidence; martyr
 - a) 1 Cor 2:4-5
 - b) <u>1 Thess 1:5</u>

7. Minister and Witness of 2 Things:

- a) Things you have seen eido Fullness of knowledge, know completely.
 - (1) Past Things you know and are familiar with, your experience
- b) <u>Things which I will yet reveal to you</u> *optanomai* Things you don't currently know but I will show you. Things that are there and available but you are not aware of them.
 - (1) **Future** New things that you don't know and are not familiar with
 - (2) 1 Cor 2:9-10

D. <u>V18</u> - Desired Result of Purpose

- 1. <u>To Open their eyes</u> Speaks of blindness, cannot see where they are going; unable to discern or judge
 - a) **Eph 4:17-18**

- b) **Rom 2:19**
- c) <u>Open</u> having no enclosing or confining barrier: accessible on all or nearly all sides; being in a position to permit passage: not shut or locked
- d) <u>Isa 61:1</u> 1...To proclaim liberty to the captives, And <u>the opening of the prison to those who are bound;</u>
- 2. **To Turn from** epistrepho To twist around, to change one's manner of life in a different direction
 - a) <u>Darkness</u> *skotos* shadiness, a shadow; Cast by an object that blocks the passage of rays of light.
 - b) <u>Light</u> phos To shine or make manifest, luminous
 - (1) 1 Peter 2:9 Called out of darkness into His marvelous light!
 - (2) **Eph 5:8** Walk as children of light
 - (3) <u>John 12:46</u> Whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.
 - c) <u>Power</u> *exousia* Authority; State of control over someone; The ability or strength along with the right to exercise the power that is given.

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