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Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"

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²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

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²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.

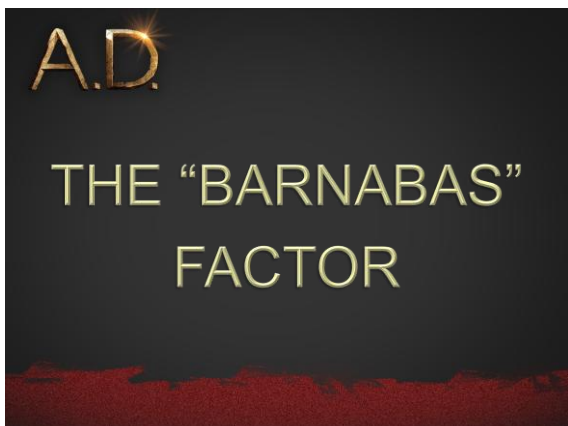
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²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.







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1. Fear

A.D. JOSHUA 1

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

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Fear is the absence of love...

A.D. 1 JOHN 4

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

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2. Doubt

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3. Cynicism

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A cynic is not just someone who finds bitter lessons in his past, He is one who is prematurely disappointed in his future...

A.D. 1 CORINTHIANS 13

⁷ [Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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1. Take time to hear their story.

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“Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you’d have preferred to talk.”

—Doug Larson

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“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.”

—Stephen R. Covey

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2. Verify the facts.

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3. Trust in God's power, not theirs.

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