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Acts 22:6-18
Paul's Testimony

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Jesus Confronted Paul

Acts 22:6-8 (NASB)
"But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me, and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' "And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'

- Jesus regarded an attack on His disciples as an attack on Himself
- Paul's conversion is narrated 3 times in Acts

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Jesus Promises a Commission

Acts 22:9-10 (NASB)
"And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me. And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.'

- "go on" is imperative (lit. 'travel')
- "appointed" is *tasso* in the perfect tense: this is already the divine assignment (see Gal. 1:15-17)

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Ananias Was Used to Pray for Him

Acts 22:11-13 (NASB)
"But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus. A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, came to me, and standing near said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very time I looked up at him.

- The former enemy is now "Brother Saul"

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Ananias Speaks the Truth to Paul

Acts 22:14-16 (NASB)
"And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth. For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

- 'Appointed' here is *procheirizomai* used only in Acts in the NT: 3:20; 22:14; 26:16
- Ananias' encounter with the Lord: Acts 9:10-16

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The Lord Himself Speaks to Paul

Acts 22:17-18 (NASB)
"It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance, and I saw Him saying to me, 'Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.'

- This is not narrated in Acts 9 and likely happened after some intervening events (Schnabel)
- See Galatians 1:13-18 for those events

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