

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – February 26-March 4**  
***Doing Life Together – Stump Stories pt 7***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 13:9

**OBSERVATION:** Ac. 13:9 which reveals that Paul was born with two names – a Hebrew one, Saul; and a Roman one, Paul. A. T. Robertson, “The ‘also’ does not mean that the name Paul was now given for the first time, rather than, he had always had it. As a Jew and a Roman citizen he undoubtedly had both names all the time.” [Word Pictures in the N.T., Vol. III]

**TUESDAY:** Ac. 15:5; 23:6

**KEY VERSE:** 1 Samuel 1:20

**OBSERVATION:** Paul was Of the tribe of Benjamin. Phil. 3:5. His father was part of this clan, but there is little we know about his mother. To be a Pharisee, met that he was part of the largest and most influential religious-political party during the N.T. times. To be a Pharisee, would mean that you where a member of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law, and commonly held to have pretensions to superior sanctity.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 22:25-28

**OBSERVATION:** Thieme, “A Roman colony was a living extension of Rome itself. A Roman citizen residing anywhere enjoyed the same status held by a citizen within the walls of Rome. The rights, privileges, and protection guaranteed by Roman law elevated Roman citizens far above their neighbors. Roman citizens were exempt from local taxes, given special treatment, spared beatings, given hearings and granted access to Caesar himself.”

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-2

**OBSERVATION:** Paul was Taught at home and in the Synagogue, the O.T. scriptures. He learned Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. He was taught a Trade, as were all Jewish boys, his was that of tentmaker. Ac. 18:3 He Thrilled at the feet of the famous rabbi, Gamaliel in Jerusalem. Because Paul tried harder than anyone who had ever lived, to be saved by his own works. He was totally dedicated to coming to God by a law system. The principle of law always assumes human merit, that man can do something to be good enough for God to accept. In God’s eyes the person who tries the hardest, is the one who is insulting the spirit of grace the most!

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Ephesians 4:11-12

**OBSERVATION:** Paul’s three Missionary Journey’s...We all have a ministry related to our spiritual gifts, talents, and opportunities. At the end of his live, he was Arrested in Jerusalem...imprisoned at Caesarea. Sent to Rome and imprisoned there. He was Released and rearrested. He was Executed by Nero in 66-67 AD

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** 2 Timothy 1:8-12

**OBSERVATION:** Whether he was comforting or confronting the church, we know for certain he was all in, sold out for Christ. I don’t believe he ever got over the road to Damascus experience. Remember the story, he was on his way to Damascus to kill Christians, when Christ made a personal appearance to Paul. That meeting left Paul blind and stunned — and his life was never the same again. I don’t think he got over the fact that this Jew of Jews was called to be a messenger to the Gentiles, and this old legalist would be the proclaimer of love; that he, the self-proclaimed chief of sinners would become the messenger of God’s mercy; and the master of God’s law would become the greatest proclaimer of God’s grace in history.