

Transformed by an Elevator

A family from a remote area was making their first visit to a big city. They checked in to a grand hotel and stood in amazement at the impressive sight. Leaving the reception desk they came to the elevator entrance. They'd never seen an elevator before, and just stared at it, unable to figure out what it was for.

An old lady hobbled towards the elevator and went inside. The door closed. About a minute later, the door opened and out came a stunningly good-looking young woman.

Dad couldn't stop staring. Without turning his head he patted his son's arm and said, "Go get your mother, son."

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Something big happened to Saul...

When Saul shows up he has no sight. His ego is wiped away. Something big had happened to him.

When we see this kind of transformation in people we want to know how.

You see a lot of before and after pictures of peoples bodies.

You say, "I want what that person did. Where can I get that?"

Then you get a quick website or phone number to buy it for yourself.

so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Instead of breaking down the steps of Paul's transformation, I want to focus on the fact that something big happened which can only be the result of Jesus Christ.

Do you know people like this?

The person you knew, is not the person you see today.

Father tried to clothe a Ken doll.

Men's transition to fathers

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We have been exploring how to find Jesus in your life.

The final answer, is "in people whose lives have been impacted by God."

And in the good that comes out of them today.

Did you know that the good works you do, is a testament to the existence of God. When you help someone, serve someone, give sacrificially, you show that Jesus Christ is alive and living in you.

You may not be able to pull up a mathematical equation to show that God is real, but you can certainly prove it in the witness of the saints.

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