



# FACES of WAR IN ISRAEL

An IFA Special Report Prayer Guide

## God's Prophetic Timeline

After Noah's flood, there were 70 nations on the earth. God chose to entrust His law and His treasures to one nation, the nation of Israel. He created and chose Israel for the purpose of blessing all the nations on earth.

The birth of the modern nation of Israel in 1948 demonstrates that God's promises are true. He scattered the Jewish people and He promised to bring them back – we are living when this long-awaited promise has come true.

**If there was ever a time in history to know with clarity how to stand with the nation of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, it is now.** Since the unspeakable atrocities committed by Hamas terrorists against inhabitants in the south of Israel on October 7th, 2023, the nations have divided along the plumb line of whether they stand with Israel and the Jewish people or they do not. Pro-Palestinian demonstrations worldwide have been well attended, vocal, and vehemently militant. Hamas, and other Iranian backed terrorist organizations in the Middle East, have run a media campaign attempting to seduce the world into believing that there is a moral equivalency for what they call the "illegal occupation" of Gaza and the "West Bank" and **the demonic attack on October 7th by Hamas terrorists and some Gazan civilians.**

If we know God's word, in some ways these events should not surprise us. After all, He does tell us that the ultimate judgment regarding the nations at the end of days will be their treatment of His people and their treatment of His land. Joel 3 is uncompromising: I will also gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

God begins this chapter of Joel telling us that **He will bring His people home from the ends of the earth and plant them in the land** (v.1) and ends by declaring His intention, oft repeated in His word, that He will cleanse them of their sin and bloodguilt and prosper them in the land where He Himself dwells (v.20-22). The implication in these words is that there will be nations who care for His people and nations who do not- the sheep and goat nations that Jesus referred to in Matthew 25:31-46.

And so, we pray for the faces of this war. We pray for the hostages of Hamas, the leaders of Israel, the leaders of Hamas, and the leaders of the nations who are choosing whether to bless or curse Israel.

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*I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. . . . Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.*

-Jeremiah 32

# Faces of War in Israel

## Pray for the Hostages by Name

When Hamas broke the cease fire on October 7, they began an onslaught of bombing and personal, barbaric acts of violence against individuals, both military and civilians. They indiscriminately kidnapped hundreds of people of all ages, who are from all over the world. Some have been released. Some have been murdered. Some have died. All have suffered physical and emotional trauma. We ask the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, who doesn't slumber or sleep, to help them (Ps. 121).



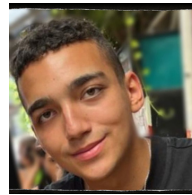
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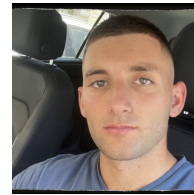
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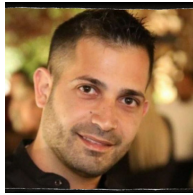
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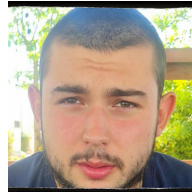
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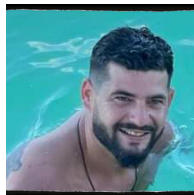
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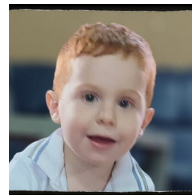
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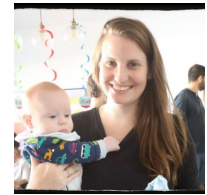
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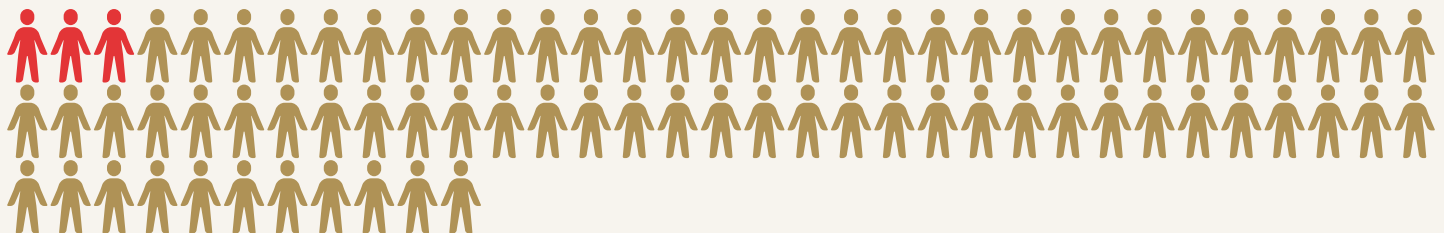
## Prayers for the Hostages

**Pray for the Lord to fight for them.**

*Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their chains in pieces (Psalm 107:13, 14).*

*The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still (Exodus 14:14 NIV).*

**In addition to those still being held hostage, pictured in this report, 77 people have been released and are now dealing with the trauma of being held captive, and three people were killed as a hostage.**



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## Prayers for the Hostages

**Pray for supernatural protection around every man, woman, and child.**

*The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them (Psalm 34:17).*

*For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways, they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone (Psalm 91:11-13 NIV).*



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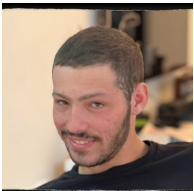
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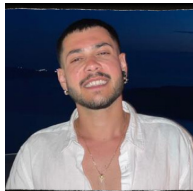
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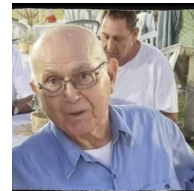
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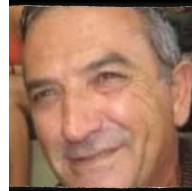
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## Who are the hostages?

2  
Babies

14  
Children and  
Students  
under 21

14  
Elderly People  
over 65

164  
Current Total  
Hostages

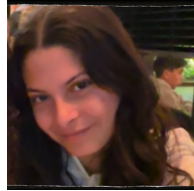
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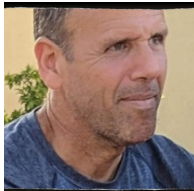
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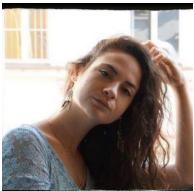
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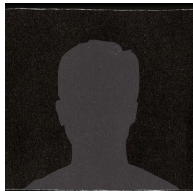
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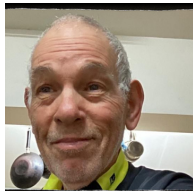
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Eitan Horn, 37

## Prayers for the Hostages

Pray for the truth concerning the hostages to be revealed.

*He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him (Daniel 2:22 NIV).*

The hostages are from Israel and many other nations . . .

1 China

54 Thailand

6 France

2 Philippines

12 Germany

15 Argentina

12 United States

1 Sri Lanka

2 Tanzania

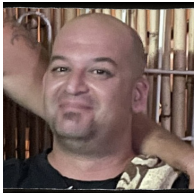
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## Prayers for the Hostages

Pray for the hostages to experience comfort and peace in the midst of terror.

*The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you (Psalm 9:9-10 NIV).*



Yair Horn, 45



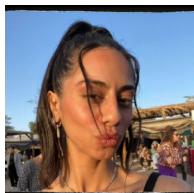
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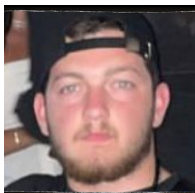
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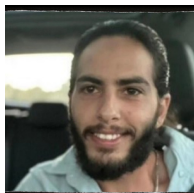
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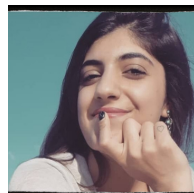
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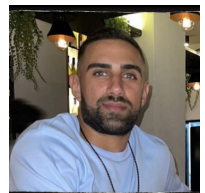
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244  
Innocent Civilians  
Taken Hostage in  
Total by Hamas

## Stories of Captivity

"Each child that was taken by Hamas was taken on a motorbike, and **they took every child, took his leg and put it on the exhaust of that motorbike**, so they have a burn, so they will be marked if they run, if they escape, so [Hamas] can find them. They were drugged, they were treated so badly, but at least they are with us."

-Yaniv Yaakov, family member of Yagil Yaakov, 12 and Or Yaakov, 16.

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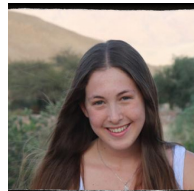
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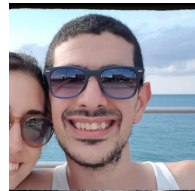
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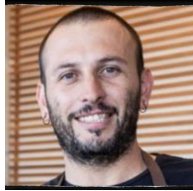


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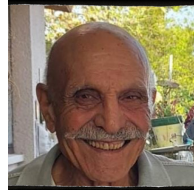
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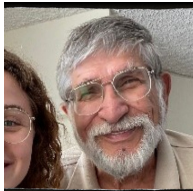
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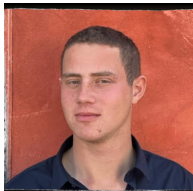
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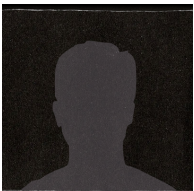
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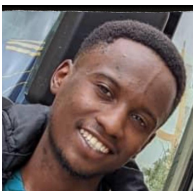
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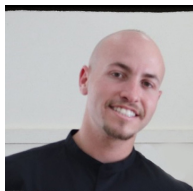
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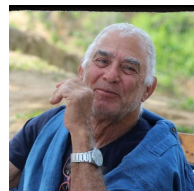
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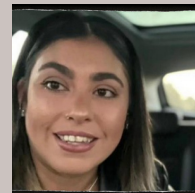
## Prayers for the Hostages

"I'm not dead, I'm not dead," hostage Vetoon Phoom, a Thai farm worker, said over and over after his release. He called his survival a miracle. The survival of any hostage is truly a miracle, given the inhumane treatment of people by Hamas.

*I will answer you . . . saying to the prisoners, "Come out," and to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves" (Isa. 49:9).*

## Stories of Captivity

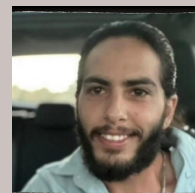
Ilana Gritzewsky, 30, Nir Oz



**Ilana** was kidnapped with her partner, Matan Zangauker, 24. Ilana had made aliyah to Israel from Mexico 14 years prior, after which her parents also moved to the Jewish state.

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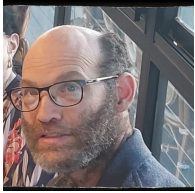
Matan Zangauker, 24, Nir Oz



On the morning of the attack, **Matan** initially tried to calm down his mother by texting her that they had a bomb shelter inside the apartment. Sometime later, when the terrorists had entered their home, he texted his mother saying, "They are here, they are in our home." and "I love you. Don't cry."

Stories from [Israel Hayom](https://www.israelhayom.com).

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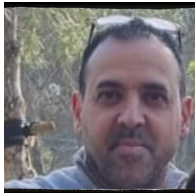
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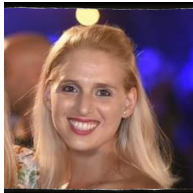
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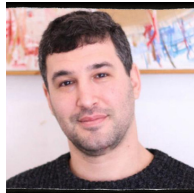
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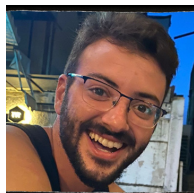
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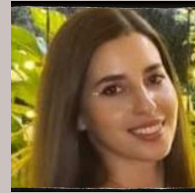
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## Stories of Captivity

Sapir Cohen, 26, Kiryat Ata



Sapir (at left) was kidnapped together with her boyfriend, Alexander (Sasha) Trupanov, 28, (at left) and several family members from their home in Nir Oz. Sapir and Sasha moved to central Israel about a month before the brutal Hamas attack. On Oct. 7 they were visiting Sasha's family in Nir Oz.

When the attack began, the family hid together, but the terrorists broke into their home. The terrorists killed the father of the family, Vitaliy, and kidnapped Sapir, Sasha, his mother Yelena, and grandmother Tati.

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Stories from [Israel Hayom](#).

Hostage information taken from [Israel Hayom](#), [Voice for Freedom Coalition](#), and the [Hostage and Missing Families Forum](#)

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## Prayer for the leaders of Israel

**Pray for protection from all evil, distress, and harm.**

*No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD (Isaiah 54:17 NIV).*

*The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm— He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore (Psalm 121:5-8 NIV).*



**Benjamin Netanyahu**

Prime Minister of the state of Israel, formerly served in the IDF

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**Yoav Gallant**

Israel's Minister of Defense and a former IDF commander

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**Herzi Halevi**

Chief of the General Staff, the highest ranking officer in the IDF

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**Tamir Yadai**

Major general of the Israeli Ground Forces branch of the IDF

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**Tomer Bar**

Major general of the Israeli Air Force branch of the IDF

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**David Saar Salama**

Major general of the Israeli Navy branch of the IDF

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**Pray for the IDF to be united in thought, mind, and purpose.**

*Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NIV).*

**Pray for supernatural wisdom and divine strategy.**

*For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly (Proverbs 2:6-8 NKJV).*

*For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers (Proverbs 11:14 NIV).*



**Israeli Citizens**

Citizens in Israel are still living in a state of war. Pray for their mental and physical health.



**Jewish People Worldwide**

With outbursts of antisemitism blowing up worldwide, pray for protection of Jewish people wherever they live.



# Faces of War in Israel

## Prayer for the leaders of Hamas

IFA has confirmed acts of evil by Hamas fighters. Rape as a weapon of war. Dismembering innocent women and children. “My face is the last thing you will see,” terrorists declare, before killing women they have brutalized. **How can we pray for them?** We can because the greatest victory against the enemy of our souls would be the salvation and transformation of these men. IFA’s key verses inform us:

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time (1 Tim. 2:1-4).*

Miraculously, hundreds of Muslim men in Gaza dreamed about Christ on the same night. *Lord, we know there is nothing too hard for you. **Pray for the hearts of those who are willing to receive Jesus to turn to Him.*** In the hostage exchange, three Hamas militants were released by Israel for every 1 Israeli hostage. As former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann told IFA intercessors, Israel is one of the most humane military forces in the world. They warn civilians in military areas that an attack on Hamas is coming: “Who does this?,” she asked. **Let’s pray that they will know Jesus and lay down their weapons of terror.**



### Ismail Hamiyeh

Overall leader of Hamas and head of Hamas’ political bureau

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### Yahya Sinwar

Founder of *Majd*, Hamas’ security service

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### Mohammed Deif

Leads the *Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades*, the military arm of Hamas

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### Marwan Issa

Deputy commander-in-chief of the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades

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### Khaled Meshaal

One of Hamas’ founders, head of the group’s political bureau abroad

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### Mahmoud Zahar

Member of Hamas’ political leadership

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**Pray for God to speak through dreams and visions.**

*In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword (Job 33:15-18 NIV).*

# Faces of War in Israel

**Pray that secret council and strongholds would be supernaturally exposed in dreams or through prophetic revelation.**

*Now, the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place because the Arameans are going down there." So, the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again, Elisha warned the king so that he was on his guard in such places. This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom (2 Kings 6:9-12 NIV).*

**For those who remain indignant, ask for the Fear of the Lord to overtake them.**

*And the fear of God came on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies (2 Chronicles 20:29 AMP).*

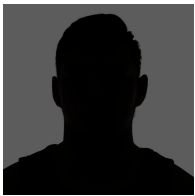
**Pray that the plans of Hamas and those who support them would be thwarted.**

*Although they plot against you, their evil schemes will never succeed (Psalm 21:11 NLT).*

**Pray for confusion in the camp of Hamas and everywhere they conspire.**

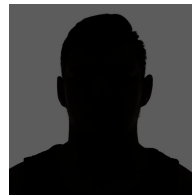
*Lord, confuse the wicked, confound their words, for I see violence and strife in the city (Psalm 55:9).*

## Pray also for these deceived people supporting Hamas



### **Hamas fighters**

Actively carried out the demonic plans and schemes crafted by the leaders of Hamas



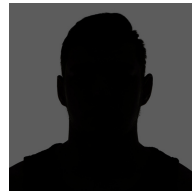
### **Released prisoners**

Terrorists who were released during the ceasefire, 3 for every 1 hostage released



### **Palestine Supporters**

Those who have been deceived into supporting Hamas' attacks in the name of "decolonization"



### **People of Gaza**

Subjugated by Hamas, used as human shields, and denied basic needs by their oppressors

**Pray for natural eyes to be opened to see the Lord.**

*As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied (Acts 9:3-5 NIV).*

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