

# SPOOKY WEEKEND WITH BRENNNA AND DILLON

Elementary  
Week 2

## PARENT BIBLE STUDY

**Read: Acts 7:54-8:3; 1 Corinthians 10:23-33**

We know how the story ends with Paul. We know that Saul was transformed into a person God used in incredible ways to further his message, but I think it's easy to forget that the Bible was still being written when all of this was going down. News was being spread by word of mouth, and who knows what fear and what questions came up as people heard that this man, Saul, I changed from persecuting the church to being one of the people who spread the gospel? I'm sure there were plenty of opinions on what actually happened, and fear from believers about whether or not Saul/Paul had actually changed.

These days, information is available as soon as we have a question. When it pops in our head, we can pull out our phone and instantly search for an answer to whatever question comes up. The hard part is navigating which article to believe and what to do with some of the information we find. And what ultimately matters, as followers of Christ, is what God has to say on things, and not the thousands of contradictory articles and opinions we can find at the drop of a hat.

Just like God sent the Holy Spirit to help the believers, and help Paul interpret what was happening around them, we have that same help today. When we bring everything intentionally before God, he can help us with our questions, and see his heart in the big things that happen in the world.

At the end of the day we can see good and bad in almost everything, but God can help us recognize what is happening by filtering all things through him. This can look like taking it to him in prayer, researching, and looking at the truth in the Bible which can illuminate what is happening. One tool I have learned is to filter everything through three steps: (1) What I actually receive (2) What should be rejected and (3) What is redeemable.

This filter is something that can help us find God's heart in anything from music and TV shows, to politics, and beliefs. We can take everything and question: **1. What are the messages I am receiving from this? 2. Are there things in this message I should reject because it does not align with what God says? 3. Are there things that can be redeemed and align with what God says is true?** Sometimes this can be confusing. There is a lot of good and bad in much of what we are surrounded by today. It is up to us to do the math and ask God to help us interpret the meaning of it all. However, it is in the thinking and pursuit of what God says is true, that we can

truly define ourselves by how God says to live—not the multiple, contradicting opinions that surround us.