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Ministry of Ascension  
Lutheran Church*

## **When You and I Need to Change**

*Based on Acts 9:10-19*

**Red Green:** **Matt S.**

**Bernice Green:** **Allee**

**Harold Green:** **Michael**

**Bonnie Green:** **Peri**

**Winston:** **Mattias**

**Ranger:** **Toby**

**Bill:** **Ryan**

**Edgar:** **Matt W.**

**Ann Marie H:** **Lauren**

**Beatrice:** **Annee**

**Betty:** **Alex**

**Setting:** *The Possum Lodge September meeting, with numerous men gathered around. Women arrive to crash the meeting.*

**Red:** I hereby call the September meeting of the Possum Lodge to order. All right, everybody sit down. All rise to join in the Man's Prayer. Bow your heads, remove your hats. *(All men rise, remove hats, and fold hands.)*

**All Men:** *(Slow, loud, and clear.)* I am a man, but I can change, if I have to, I guess. But not too much. Amen.

**Red:** Very well, roll call.

**Harold:** Uncle Red.

**Red:** Here.

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Harold: Bill Smith?

Bill: Star of "Adventures with Bill!"

Harold: Ranger Gord?

Ranger Gord: Always on guard.

Harold: Dalton Humphrey?

Ranger Gord: Oh...Dalton's tending the guard tower for me tonight.

Harold: Winston Rothschild?

Winston: Remember, when you need your septic sucked, come to Rothschild's Sewage & Septic Sucking Service. As we say, "We're number one in the number two business. We'll take that smell off your hands!"

Red: Ah, Winston, we'll have time for announcements at the end of the meeting.

Harold: Edgar Montrose? *(Pause.)* Edgar? *(Looks at Edgar who signals to him.)* Oh, I'm sorry, lodge explosives expert, Edgar Montrose.

Edgar: Ka Boom! *(Laughs.)* Got ya, didn't I?

Harold: All done, uncle Red.

Red: Harold, what is the first order of business?

Harold: Well, after the annual "Father-son Duct Tape Canoe Contest to Moose Island", it seems the lodge's duct tape supply is running a bit low.

Ranger: I move we direct Harold to take the Possum Van to Humphrey's Everything Store in Port Asbestos and purchase another pallet of duct tape.

Winston: I second the motion.

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- Red: Very well, it has been moved and seconded that we purchase more duct tape. Any discussion? *(Long awkward pause.)*
- Bill: Discussion, what do think we are? Women?
- Edgar: Ka Boom! *(All laugh.)*
- Red: Very well. All in favor, signify by groaning. *(All men groan.)* All opposed. Very well. Next order of business? *(Knock on door.)*
- Red: Harold, see who that is, will you?
- Harold: Okie, dokie, Uncle Red. *(Harold walks to door.)*
- Red: Okay, while Harold's taking care of that, maybe Bill can give us an update on the status of the recent taping of "Adventures with Bill."
- Bill: Well, as you know, last month I set out to find out if the Butter Cow is really made of butter, and if so, could we get the shavings to make Possum Lodge a Butter Moose...

*(Bernice and women enter room, followed by Harold.)*

- Bernice: There you are, wasting time again with these...these...
- Red: Bernice, my lovely bride, how wonderful of you to stop by...
- Harold: I tried to stop them, uncle Red, but...
- Red: Nonsense, Harold. Always a delight to welcome the lovely ladies of Possum Lake to the Lodge. Now ladies, you women know where the kitchen is, so off you go *(hand gesture toward kitchen)*. After some quick business, we'll be ready for you lovely women to serve us some coffee and cookies...
- Bernice: Business?

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Bonnie: Coffee and cookies? (*Sensing danger, Harold starts to exit room.*)

Betty: Serve?

Edgar: Ka Boom!

Beatrice: Ka Boom is right!

Bonnie: (*Toward Harold.*) Come back here, you weasel!

Harold: Ah, I was just going to check the thermostat...seems to be getting a bit hot in the lodge.

Ann Marie: Speaking of hot, say, where is that husband of mine?

Ranger Gord: Oh, he climbed the tower to tend the ranger station for me so I could attend the meeting...

Ann Marie: He did that for you? Why I couldn't get him to climb onto a step stool to change a light bulb for me...

Red: You know what I always say?

Bernice: Yeah, yeah, "If the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy."

Bonnie: That's why we came here tonight!

Beatrice: Yeah, it seems like everytime one of us comes up with a list of chores for one of you, all of a sudden there is an "emergency meeting" at the Possum Lodge.

Ann Marie: Yeah, what could be so important? You boys run out of duct tape or something? (*All men start uncomfortably fidgeting.*)

Winston: Ah...well ah...now that you mention it.

Bernice: Didn't any of you get the point of the sermon in church this morning?

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- Bill: Sermon...sermon...oh yes...the long part that comes right before the end...
- Betty: Bingo!
- Bonnie: Now which one of you wants to take a stab at guessing the scripture that it was based on?
- Harold: Oh, that's easy: Acts 9:10-19 You know, the part that covers how Ananias disciplined Saul at the house of Judas on Straight street in Damascus right after Saul's miraculous encounter with the risen Lord Jesus when he was returning Christian prisoners from Jerusalem to Damascus.
- Ann Marie: Say, you really are the Lodge Egg Head, aren't you?
- Edgar: Ka Boom! (*Laughs.*)
- Harold: Oh, I just have a knack for remembering things I've heard. Straight Street was an east-west street and is still one of the main roads in Damascus even to this day.
- Bill & Ranger: (*Look at each other.*) Egg Head.
- Beatrice: So, men, since you remember the story, tell us what the sermon was about?
- Red: Oh, that's easy. Change. Paul had to change his ways once Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus, and Ananias had to change his way of thinking about Paul when God appeared to him in a dream.
- Bernice: Say, you were listening.
- Winston: You see, prior to his encounter with Jesus, Saul was completely convinced that he was doing exactly what God wanted him to be doing in this life—you know, kind of how I knew right away that my calling in life was having the best Septic Sucking business in the great white North.

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- Beatrice: Ah, well, okay, I guess.
- Red: Yeah, as a Pharisee, he was just sure that keeping of the Mosaic law included getting rid of followers of false teachers—and surely since Jesus died a criminals death, he must be a false Messiah. After all, there had been other false Messiahs.
- Ranger: You see, only by keeping the Jewish faith pure could Saul serve God in helping the Jewish people prepare for the coming of the true Messiah. Saul was trying to be like a good forest ranger in a watchtower.
- Harold: But then, when Jesus appeared to him as a light on the road, his entire thinking was turned on its head. Obviously, since Jesus' voice was a voice from heaven, this Jesus must have been the Christ, Paul's persecutions of his followers was all wrong, Jesus' suspect death was now fulfillment of prophecy, and instead of looking forward to the Messiah's coming he needed to tell people he had come.
- Bonnie: So what about Ananias?
- Edgar: I can take that one.
- Bill: You can? You know it has nothing to do with explosives.
- Edgar: Well, actually Ananias feared for his life and the lives of other Christians in Damascus—much like I've developed a healthy fear of explosives. They knew Saul as a dangerous man who persecuted the church.
- Bill: Oh yeah, but then when the Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision—like Paul, Ananias knew he must change his thinking because God was talking to him. It didn't make sense in human terms—and he probably felt uncomfortable even as he obeyed God and went to the home of Judas—but he knew he had to obey.
- Red: So, ladies, we really did pay attention today, didn't we?

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Bernice: Okay, so you knew that Paul and Ananias had to change, but what about you men and you're lazy habits of sneaking out of work and expecting us to serve you coffee and cookies?

Bonnie: Yeah, when are you going to change your lives? When is the man's prayer going to take effect?

Harold: Well, I don't have any plans to take Christians to Damascus, but I do plan to take a van to Port Asbestos. Perhaps the Lord will speak to me on the road to Asbestos.

Edgar: Ka Boom!

All: Uugh!!!

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