



## Warning Signs

U-TURN #5

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### What can I learn from Simon's conversion?

#### 1. I must find my amazement in Jesus.

*When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.* **Acts 8:6 (NIV)**

*When they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.* **Acts 8:12 (NIV)**

*Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed.* **Acts 8:13 (NLT)**

*He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.* **Psalms 40:3 (NLT)**

#### 2. Becoming a Christian is not about what I can get.

*When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money<sup>19</sup> and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."* **Acts 8:18-19 (NIV)**

*Peter said, "To hell with your money! And you along with it. Why, that's unthinkable—trying to buy God's gift! You'll never be part of what God is doing by striking bargains and offering bribes. Change your ways—and now! Ask the Master to forgive you for trying to use God to make money. I can see this is an old habit with you; you reek with money-lust."* **Acts 8:20-23 (MSG)**

*The thorny ground represents the hearts of people who listen to the Good News and receive it,<sup>19</sup> but all too quickly the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, and the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God's message from their hearts, so that no crop is produced.* **Mark 4:18-19 (LB)**

#### 3. When I get off track, God can help me turn around.

*My dear children, I write this letter to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone sins, we have Jesus Christ to help us. He always did what was right, so he is able to defend us before God the Father.* **1 John 2:1 (ERV)**

*Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.<sup>23</sup> For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."<sup>24</sup> Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."* **Acts 8:22-24 (NIV)**

*As sure as I am the living God, I take no pleasure from the death of the wicked. I want the wicked to change their ways and live. Turn your life around! Reverse your evil ways! Why die, Israel?* **Ezekiel 33:11 (MSG)**

*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.* **1 John 1:9 (NLT)**

*O Israel, come back! Return to your GOD! You're down but you're not out. Prepare your confession and come back to GOD. Pray to him, "Take away our sin, accept our confession. Receive as restitution our repentant prayers."* **Hosea 14:1-2 (MSG)**

*Let us check and see what we have done. Then let us turn back to the LORD.* **Lamentations 3:40 (ERV)**

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