

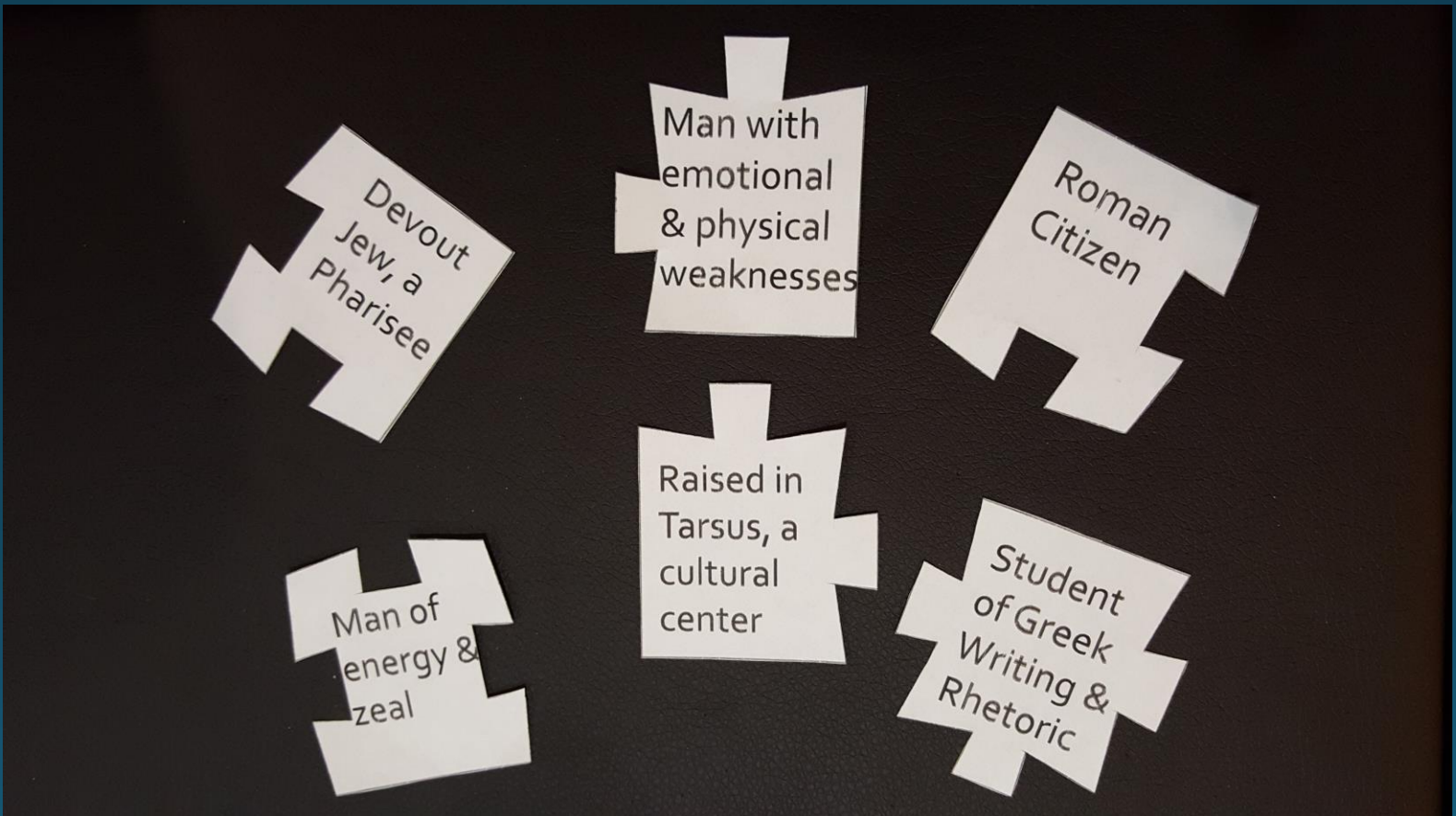


# Called to New Life in Christ

A Sermon by Pastor Dawn

# Saul

## Pieces of a Broken Life



# A Defining Moment

- Saul meets Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus

# Paul

## A Life Transformed

Spread the  
Gospel  
around the  
Empire

Laid  
theological  
foundation  
of the faith

13 of 27  
NT books  
attributed  
to Paul

Mentored  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
generation  
leaders

Man of  
energy &  
zeal

Man with  
emotional  
& physical  
weaknesses

# Examining Paul's Conversion

- God came to Paul as light – alerting him to truths in himself and in his religious framework
  - Not about Anti-Semitism
  - Was about breaking down barriers in religious practice that inhibited freedom and kept others out
- Brought him to complete humility in presence of God and others

# Examining Paul's Conversion

- Reoriented the whole purpose of his life
- All the pieces of his life was used by God in his calling
- He wasn't perfect....had blind spots and human frailty
- Anyone who knew him would have been AMAZED at total transformation

# Questions to Consider

- Do I need the bright light of Christ to alert me to truths in myself or in my religious institution?
- Have I completely humbled myself before Christ?
- Have I allowed Christ to dramatically reorient my life?
- What pieces of my life do I see God using to spread the Good News to others?
- Can others see the transformative power of Christ ALIVE in me?

2 Cor 5:17-21

**Let us go to live as new creations in Christ, free from the bondage of sin, reconciled to God, sharing the good news of Christ with all we meet, and practicing the ministry of reconciliation wherever we go.**