Almost Saved

Acts 26:24-29

Main idea: To encourage the congregation to move beyond being 'almost saved' and fully commit their lives to Christ

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Scripture verses that support the idea of encouraging the lost to be saved and can be included in your sermon are:

- 1. Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." This verse emphasizes Jesus' mission to save those who are lost, reinforcing the importance of salvation.
- 2. Romans 10:9-10 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." This passage highlights the simplicity of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 3. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This well-known verse emphasizes God's love for humanity and the offer of eternal life through belief in Jesus.

Regarding language suggestions from the original languages, you can consider exploring the Greek word "sozo" ($\sigma\dot{\omega}\zeta\omega$) used in Acts 26:28. It means "to save" or "to

deliver." You can explain its significance and how it relates to the theme of being almost saved.

Additionally, you can expand on the concept of being "almost saved" by discussing the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. This parable illustrates the journey from being lost to being found, highlighting the need for repentance and God's willingness to receive those who turn to Him.

To reinforce your current ideas without sharing personal examples, you can include real-life stories or testimonies of individuals who were on the verge of salvation but ultimately made the decision to follow Christ. These stories can serve as powerful illustrations of the urgency and importance of accepting salvation.

Remember to maintain a clear and concise structure throughout your sermon, using relevant illustrations, and engaging your audience with practical applications of the message.