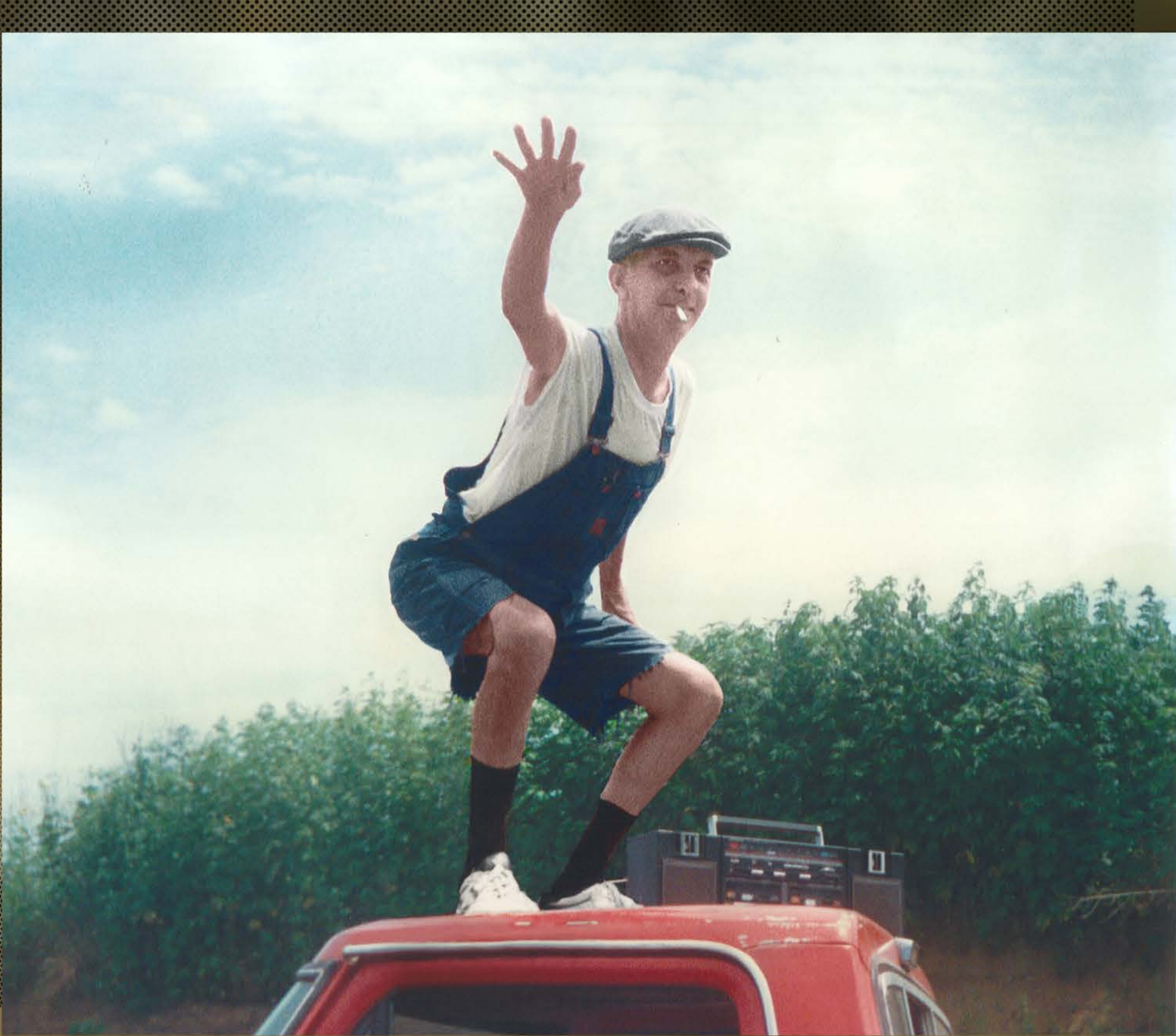


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ACTS 9:21, 26 NIV





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He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, **but they tried to kill him.** When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

ACTS 9:23-25, 29-30 NIV



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THE ATTITUDE

“This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

ACTS 9:15B-16 NIV





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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

GALATIANS 6:9 NIV

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1 NIV

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21 NIV





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THE POWER

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

ACTS 9:31 NIV





**Acts is the continuing story of King Jesus
empowering His people through His spirit.**





But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
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ROMANS 5:8 NIV

What happened next?

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