



What About
ANANIAS?

Acts 9:1-19

Big Moments of Faith

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Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

**As he neared Damascus
on his journey, suddenly a
light from heaven flashed
around him.**

**He fell to the ground and
heard a voice say to him,
“Saul, Saul, why do you
persecute me?”**

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” He replied.

“Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.”

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.

Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and he did not eat or drink anything.

**In Damascus there was a
disciple named Ananias.
The Lord called to him in
a vision.**

“Ananias!”

“Yes Lord,” he answered.

The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

**“Lord,” Ananias answered,
“I have heard many reports
about this man and all the
harm he has done to your
holy people in Jerusalem.
And he has come here with
authority from the chief
priests to arrest all who call
on your name.”**

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! 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.”

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord— Jesus who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here— has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

What about Ananias?

Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as far
as it depends on you,
live at peace with
everyone.

1. Your attitude matters.

2. There are no special qualifications that you need to meet before being used by God.

2 Corinthians 3:5

Not that we are
sufficient of ourselves
to think of anything as
being from ourselves,
but our sufficiency is
from God.

3. Delayed Obedience

=

Disobedience

James 4:17

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is a sin for them.

**4. When God is calling
us to do something,
there is always a
purpose to it.**

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

**Do I trust that God
can and will do
something good with
my obedience as I
step out in faith?**

**5. Don't minimize
your own moments of
big faith or miss them
because they aren't
what you expected.**

1. Your attitude matters.

2. There are no special qualifications that you need to meet before being used by God.

3. Delayed obedience = disobedience

4. When God calls us to do something there is a purpose and a reason.

5. Don't minimize your own moments of big faith.

