

June 4, 2023
Acts 9:1-19a
“When God Calls . . .”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Our passage today demonstrates that the Lord calls ordinary people as His chosen instruments to do things through them that no one could ever have imagined! Take time to consider the calls of Ananias and Saul/Paul, very different calls, both used greatly by the Lord. Now consider your call, what’s next for your great adventure?

Saul/Paul was haughty and felt empowered to destroy the church. He went out as a destroyer towards Damascus, when he arrived he was being led by the hand. The Lord humbles the proud, see [James 4:6-7](#). Humbling yourself before the Lord is a much better way, [I Peter 5:6-7](#).

Saul/Paul was blinded and made to sit in a room for three days as he waited for the Lord to give him further instructions. Imagine what those days must have been like for this once proud and zealous man as he waited on the Lord. When the Lord seemingly has led you into a desolate and barren place in life, just sit quietly before Him and ask, Lord, what is it that You are trying to teach me?

Ananias was given a tough and somewhat dangerous assignment; go to this one called Saul. He rose up in obedience to the Lord and off he went. He answered the call. When Saul was struck down on the road to Damascus he was given instructions, he did as he was instructed. When the Lord calls-obey.

Immediately after receiving the Holy Spirit, Saul, this chosen instrument of the Lord, got up and was baptized. This was even before eating a meal after three days with no food or drink. Obedience to the Lord is evidence of a changed life. Acts of obedience are outward signs of spiritual fruit, got fruit?

Application:

When the Lord draws on your heart to be saved, respond to His call, today is the day of salvation. [II Corinthians 6:2](#).

In Christ, live for Him. He wants all of you, [Hebrews 12:29](#). In Jesus, you are not your own, [I Corinthians 6:19-20](#). Meditate on [I Peter 5:6-11](#). Meditate on [Psalm 51:17](#).

“There are many of us that are willing to do great things for the Lord, but few of us are willing to do little things.” *D. L. Moody*. Be available . . .