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THEM WHICH CALLED ON HIS
NAME
ACTS 9:10-22

Text: Acts 9:21

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Introduction:

Saul was on his way to Demascus with letters in hand to persecute more Christians. On his way just before entering into the city the light and voice of God got his attention.

The Light and Word of God always makes a difference in the heart of the receptive hearer.

As we continue we see the story of a man named Ananias. And we will see that this man was a devout Christian.

Notice:

1. THE SAVIOUR'S CALL (VSS. 10-11)

(Acts 9:10-11) "And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. {11} And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,"

- A. Personal Request (Gad called him by name)
- B. Prompt Response (Behold I am here Lord)
- C. Particular Reason (Arise and go)

2. THE SAINTS CONCERN (VSS. 13-14)

(Acts 9:13-14) "Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: {14} And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name."

- A. Heard of the Persecution (vs 13) "many and much"

1. Ananias told God what He already knew

2. God is so patient with us.

B. Hesitant to Perform

3. THE SAVIOUR'S COMFORT (VSS.15-16)

(Acts 9:15-16) "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: {16} For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

A. Instruction

B. Information

4. SAINT'S COMPLIANCE (VSS. 17)

(Acts 9:17) "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

A. Objection Eliminated

B. Order Executed

5. SAUL'S CONVICTION (VSS. 18-20)

(Acts 9:18-20) "And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. {19} And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. {20} And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God."

A. He Believed

B. He Was Baptized

C. He got Busy (vs 20)

6. SINNERS CONFOUNDED (VSS. 21-22)

(Acts 9:21-22) "But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? {22} But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ."

A. Conversation (21)

B. Confounded (22) = stirred up, troubled, confused.

Close:

Saul has gone from persecutor of the church to a preacher of Christ.

How? Because God changed his life

Why? Because of God's plan to evangelize the world