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Go Over To Straight Street

A Genuine Transformation Comes From A Personal Encounter With Jesus

God Can Use Even The Most Unknown Saint

Acts 9:10-19 - *Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord!" he replied.* 11 *The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now.* 12 *I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again."* 13 *"But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!* 14 *And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."* 15 *But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel.* 16 *And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."* 17 *So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."* 18 *Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.* 19 *Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.*

A Telling Measure Of Our Faith Is How We Respond To Commands That Seem Irrational

We Have To Stop Putting Limits On God

Titus 3:5-7 - *he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.* 6 *He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.* 7 *Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.*

Acts 13:9 - *Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye.*

Saul's Life Forever Changed

Acts 26:16-18 - *Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness. Tell people that you have seen me, and tell them what I will show you in the future.* 17 *And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles* 18 *to open their eyes, so they*

may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.'

Galatians 1:13-16 - *You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it.* [14] *I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors.* [15] *But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him* [16] *to reveal his Son to mee so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles.*

Our Task Is To Lead Men And Women To Christ