

The Calling

of

Ananias

And the Lord said unto him, "Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth."

--Acts 9:11--



OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

ANANIAS WAS PREPARED

ANANIAS WAS OBEDIENT

ANANIAS WAS RESPECTED

CONCLUSION

INVITATION



INTRODUCTION

Picture Ananias?

- Deceptive Disciple Acts 5?
- High Priest Acts 23?
- Disciple at Damascus Acts 9?
- Ananias (Jehovah is Gracious) was common Jewish name.



ANANIAS WAS PREPARED

- **1 SAMUEL 3:4-10-** WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE READY TO SERVE (1 CORINTHIANS 15:58).
- **PSALM 85:8-** WE NEED TO HEAR WHAT GOD SPEAKS.

WHERE ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

ANANIAS WAS PREPARED

- 1 CORINTHIANS 16:9-** “FOR A GREAT DOOR EFFECTUAL IS OPENED UNTO ME.”
- 2 CORINTHIANS 2:12-** “FURTHERMORE; WHEN I CAME TO TROAS TO PREACH CHRIST’S GOSPEL, AND A DOOR WAS OPENED UNTO ME OF THE LORD.”

ANANIAS WAS PREPARED

D = DIVINELY

O = OFFERED

O = OPPORTUNITY

R = REVEAL GOD'S WORD

THERE IS ONLY ONE DOOR – JOHN 10:7

ANANIAS WAS OBEDIENT

- GOD GAVE THE DIRECTIONS (v.9):
 - ARISE
 - GO FIND STRAIGHT STREET
 - LOCATE JUDAS' HOUSE
 - ENQUIRE ABOUT SAUL
- **MATTHEW 7:7-** “ASK, SEEK, KNOCK”

ANANIAS WAS OBEDIENT

- **OBEDIENCE MUST BE COMPLETE & IMMEDIATE.**
- **MATTHEW 4:20- STRAIGHTWAY**
- **MATTHEW 4:22- IMMEDIATELY**
- **ACTS 16:10- IMMEDIATELY**
- **ANANIAS OVERCAME HESITANCY.**

ANANIAS WAS RESPECTED

- **ACTS 22:12-** PAUL'S ENDORSEMENT
 - **ACTS 10:2** "DEVOUT", "GOD-FEARING"
 - **ACTS 6:3** "HONEST REPORT", "FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST AND WISDOM"
- TRADITION: ELDER; MARTYR

ANANIAS WAS RESPECTED

- “CERTAIN” DISCIPLE- SURE; BEYOND DOUBT
- “CHOSEN” VESSEL- CALLED TO ANSWER THE GREATEST QUESTION EVER ASKED.
- PETER ACTS 2:38, PHILIP ACTS 8:36-37, PAUL ACTS 16:30-31— WHAT ABOUT YOU?

CONCLUSION

WE MUST NEVER ASSUME SOMEONE IS BEYOND THE REACH OF THE GOSPEL.

IT MIGHT ONLY TAKE 1:

-INVITATION, BIBLE VERSE, PRAYER, CHARACTER STUDY, ANSWERING A BIBLE QUESTION, PHONE CALL, EMAIL, TEXT.....

Need Jesus?

Hear

Believe

Repent

Confess Christ

Submit to Baptism

Live Faithfully

NEED TO RETURN?

REPENT OF SIN

CONFESS TO GOD

PRAY FOR

FORGIVENESS

LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY