



The Book Of
Acts

**Acts: The Holy Spirit empowering
God's people to accomplish God's
mission**



**Because God is in control
ordinary people can carry his
name with confidence.**



Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them.

Acts 8:4-5



Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

Acts 9:1-9



and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,
“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” And he said,
“Who are You, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus whom you
are persecuting, but get up and enter the city, and it will
be told you what you must do.”

Acts 9:1-9



The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9:1-9



God is in control.



**When God is at work,
Satan will be working too.**



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Satan will be working too... but
God is in control**



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-17



**Because God is in control,
no one is beyond the reach of
Jesus.**



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Acts 9:4-5



**Because God is in control, anyone
can have a personal relationship
with Him.**



But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...

Philippians 3:7-8



Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9:8-9



**Because God is in control, he can
bring anyone to a place of
desperation.**





Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

Acts 9:10



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And the Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.”

Acts 9:11-12



**Because God is in control,
it isn't about me.**



But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

Acts 9:13-16



So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 9:17



**Because God is in control, we
believe God can
save anyone.**



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But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to **carry my name...**”

Acts 9:15 (ESV)

