
Acts 9 Study Document

Main Story:

Acts 9 tells the story of **Saul's conversion**. Saul was a man who hated Christians and tried to destroy the early Church. But everything changed when he had a powerful encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. This chapter also talks about Saul's early preaching and Peter's miracles.

Key Events:

- **Saul's Encounter with Jesus** (Acts 9:1-9)
 - Saul was on his way to Damascus to arrest Christians.
 - A bright light from heaven stopped him, and he heard Jesus' voice asking, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
 - Saul became blind and had to be led into the city.
 - **Ananias' Obedience** (Acts 9:10-19)
 - God told a man named Ananias to go to Saul.
 - Even though Ananias was afraid, he obeyed.
 - He prayed for Saul, and Saul's sight was restored.
 - Saul was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - **Saul Preaches Christ** (Acts 9:20-31)
 - Right away, Saul began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues.
 - Many were amazed, but others wanted to kill him.
 - Saul escaped and eventually went to Jerusalem, where the believers helped him.
 - **Peter's Miracles** (Acts 9:32-43)
 - Peter healed a man named Aeneas who had been paralyzed for 8 years.
 - Peter raised a woman named Tabitha (also called Dorcas) from the dead.
 - Because of these miracles, many people believed in Jesus.
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Main Themes:

- **God's Power to Change Lives**

(Even someone as far from God as Saul can be transformed.)

- **Obedience to God's Calling**

(Ananias trusted God even when he was afraid.)

- **Boldness in Sharing the Gospel**

(Saul immediately shared about Jesus even though it was dangerous.)

- **God's Miraculous Power**

(Peter's healing miracles showed God's authority and love.)

Key Verses:

- **Acts 9:15** – *“But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.’”*
- **Acts 9:31** – *“Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.”*

Questions to Think About:

- How does Saul's story show that no one is too far from God's love?
 - How can we be like Ananias and obey even when it's scary?
 - What does Saul's boldness teach us about sharing our faith?
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