



## GOING DEEPER- ACTS 9 (Part 1)

Read Acts 9:1-31

**This passage reveals so much about Jesus:**

- His power: He has the ability to make someone blind and see.
- His majesty: Both Ananias and Paul call him Lord.
- His glory: The light of heaven shone, reflecting God's glory.
- His compassion: He gives Saul a chance.
- His love and grace: Jesus cares for Saul and makes a way for him to be an instrumental part of His kingdom.

**Ananias gives a great example of sensitivity and obedience:**

- To listen and obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit;
- To overcome bias of others and love them with Jesus' love;
- To be vessels of God's power in praying for healing and filling;
- To help people connect with other disciples for their growth.

**The impact on Paul was significant.** After being healed and baptised, he demonstrated his faith straight away by preaching about Jesus both fearlessly and boldly!

**Questions:**

1. What aspect of Jesus revealed in this passage speaks to you personally right now?
2. What aspect of Ananias' example needs to grow in your life?

*Jesus thank You for the way You so gently treated Paul, even though He was persecuting You and Your church. Your love and grace is amazing. Please reveal more of Yourself to me and reveal more of Yourself through me as You did with Ananias!*



## GOING DEEPER- ACTS 9 (Part 2)

Read Acts 9:32-43

**Widespread revival was happening.** Believers were seen in many new regions; significant healings were taking place! There was great faith amongst some that even the dead could be raised and many were coming to faith!

**The role of miraculous healing in salvation is highlighted.** Peter had to step out in faith and the authority of Jesus in praying for healing. So when Aeneas, paralysed for 8 years is healed, the whole town of Lydda turned to Jesus!

**Peter stepped out in faith again when Dorcas died.**

Dorcas was "full" of good works and acts of charity/love for those in need. One imagines a quiet servant tirelessly caring for others and showing them love through her actions.

Peter despite the mourners, prayed and asked her to rise up. When Dorcas was raised from the dead many were amazed and they too came to faith in Jesus!

**Questions:**

1. What are some personal needs of those around you that need God's miraculous intervention? Pray for these.
2. How does Peter's boldness in stepping out in faith inspire you?

*Lord, we read of these powerful miracles followed by salvation and we long for these things to happen in our lives. Fill us with Your Spirit and Your boldness oh God! Release Your miracles and healing into our lives. Amen.*