



From Calling to Deployment

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BIG IDEA: God **DEVELOPS** who He **CALLS**. Calling may be *immediate*, but the preparation is a *process*.

Lessons from Acts 9:18-31

1. Immediate **OBEDIENCE** does not mean immediate **RESULTS** (v.v. 19-22)

- **Key Truth:** Obedience is to be instant... fruit comes **GRADUALLY**

- *Faithfulness* **PRECEDES** *fruitfulness*

Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:1-5; James 5:7-8

2. God often uses **HIDDEN** seasons to prepare for future **IMPACT** (v.v. 23-25)

Galatians 1:15-18

- **Key Truth:** God often does His **DEEPEST WORK** in seasons no one sees
- **Human Reality:** Many love the *idea* of calling but resist the *reality* of preparation

3. Sometimes we need a *perspective shift*:

- Reframe opposition as **CONFIRMATION**, not **CONTRADICTION** (v.v. 23-25)
- **Key Truth:** Following Jesus will **NOT** make your life easier, but it will bring new *meaning*, *purpose*, and *power* (Acts 1:8)

4. We all need **PEOPLE** to help us grow spiritually and step into our calling (v.v. 26-30)

- **Key Truth:** You cannot fulfill your calling in **ISOLATION**

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WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

1. Don't despise your **DEVELOPMENT** season... especially if **UNDER 30**
 - **Ask:**
 - *Am I trusting God's timing?*
 - *Where might I be rushing what God is developing?*
2. Stay faithful even when **PROGRESS** feels slow... especially if **OVER 40**
 - **Ask:**
 - *Where do I need to keep showing up and obeying?*
 - *What has God already asked me to do?*
 - *Am I faithfully doing it?*
3. Expect resistance, but don't **RETREAT**
 - **Ask:**
 - *Where am I tempted to back off?*
 - *What would it look like to stay faithful?*
 - *Even if it costs me in the short-term?*
4. Get **CONNECTED!** Don't try to go it alone!
 - **Ask:**
 - *Am I really connected in a biblical community that can call me forward?*
 - *Who has been a "Barnabas" to me? Who can I be a "Barnabas" to right now?*

Memory Verse:

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13 ESV

Recommended Resources:

[Becoming a 3C Disciple](#) message series (January 2026)

[Acts Series](#)

[Life of the Apostle Paul Infographic](#)



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My next step today is to...

- Memorize John 15:13
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Sign up for a Summer Group
- Read Acts chapter 9 this week
- Check out the Sunday Extra Podcast to go deeper with the discussion on Acts
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