

"Chosen Instruments and Assignments"

Acts 9:10-19, ESV

Introduction: Our lives are in the hands of God. We are instruments. According to the Scripture, we did not choose Christ, He chose us (Jn. 15:16). Each of us has a Kingdom assignment. We are servants of the King obligated to do His royal bidding. Today's text gives emphasis to two of Christ's servants—chosen instruments and assignments.

This Episode Features Two Individuals:

1). ANANIAS- Instrument and Assignment (v. 10-14).

Disciple who lived in Damascus.

The Lord spoke to him in a **dream**

The Lord's **assignment** to Ananias stated clearly (v. 11-12).

Look for a man of Tarsus named **Saul**; he is praying; he, too, has seen a vision.

Lay hands on him so that he may regain his **sight**.

"But, Lord! What?!?" How did Ananias **initially** respond? (v. 13-14) Pretty bold. Pretty understandable.

Application:

Have you ever **questioned** the Almighty?

How often does God's way of working **clash** with our sense of how He should work?

How often do we have to overcome our fears/anxieties in obeying the Lord's directive in our lives?

Ananias had to overcome his fears as they related to Saul and obey Christ.

2). SAUL- Instrument and Assignment (v. 15-19).

A "**chosen**" instrument of Jesus.

Carry "My" name before the **Gentiles**, kings, and Israel.

He will **suffer** much for my sake (2 Cor. 11:23-27).

"Brother Saul...!" What do you suppose went through Saul's mind when he heard these words?

"The **Lord** has sent me..." (v. 17)- 1). Regain your sight; 2). Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Immediately something like **scales** fell from his eyes. Saul regained his sight.

He rose and was **baptized** (v. 18). He ate and was strengthened.

Application:

Can you believe that Saul, who later became Paul, would be the chosen instrument of Christ? How is that even possible? Would you have chosen Saul? Christ did. Christ had an assignment for Saul that was bigger than Saul and his notorious past!