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PART SEVENTEEN

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Discuss

If there is anyone you'd be surprised to hear has become a Christian, who would most surprise you and why?





“Jesus loves you and will never stop loving you”

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the WAY, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

ACTS 9:1-2

Who is Saul?

PHARISEE

Acts 23:6

HE APPROVED THE STONING OF STEPHEN

Acts 8:1

A PERSECUTOR OF CHRIST

Acts 9:5

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’

‘Who are you, Lord?’ Saul asked.

‘I am Jesus, who you are persecuting,’ he replied. ‘Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’

ACTS 9:3-6

The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.”

ACTS 9:7-9

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ACTS 9:3-6

In Damascus, there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, ‘Ananias!’

‘Yes, Lord,’ he answered.

The Lord told him, ‘Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.’

ACTS 9:10-12

‘Lord,’ Ananias answered, ‘I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.’

ACTS 9:13-14

God Chooses Ananias to minister to Saul through a vision

There are 5 specifics that show he was Chosen

(v11-12)

A specific house

On a specific street

Finding a specific man

Doing something specific (praying)

With a specific vision of his own

WHAT ARE THE COSTS WE MAY FACE?

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

ACTS 9:17-19

FOLLOWING JESUS WILL BE COSTLY EVEN TO THE POINT OF SUFFERING...

BUT IT IS WORTH IT!

Discuss



1) Who is someone you'd like to be an Ananias figure to? What are the challenges you might face?

2) Do you think the ultimate reward of eternal life without suffering and true joy and peace is worth suffering now? Why/Why not?


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