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10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named **Ananias**; and the Lord said to him in a vision, **“Ananias.”** And he said, **“Here I am, Lord.”** 11 And the Lord said to him, **“Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.”** 13 But Ananias answered, **“Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”** 15 But the Lord said to him, **“Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”** 17 So **Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”** 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and **he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;** 19 and he took food and was strengthened.

Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, 20 and immediately **he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”** 21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, **“Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”** 22 But **Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.**



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23 When many days had elapsed, the **Jews plotted together to do away with him**, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death; 25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a large basket.

26 When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but **they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple**. 27 **But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus**. 28 And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic Jews; but they were attempting to put him to death. 30 But when the brethren learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

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1. Who is Saul? What happened to him on his way to Damascus? (v.1-9)
2. How did Ananias respond to God's instruction for him to minister to Saul? (v.10-17)
3. What did Saul do after he was healed of blindness? How did people respond to the changes in him? (v.18-26)
4. How did Barnabas help the apostles accept Saul? (v.27-29)
5. How were Saul, Ananias, and Barnabas transformed by God?

Conviction:

God's grace transforms our relationship – with Him, with other people, and with the world.

Application:

In what areas of your life do you need to experience God's transformation?

Pray Together:

Dear Father, thank you for loving us too much not to leave us the way we are. Empower us with the Holy Spirit to live in obedience to Your will. Help us to be faithful in extending love and sharing the gospel so others can also experience Your saving grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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