

The Preachers of the Early Church

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Acts 9:1-30, 2 Timothy 3:8,
Galatians 2:1-2, Revelation 3:8,
Acts 13:1

Acts 9:1

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

Acts 9:2

And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

Acts 9:3

And as he journeyed, he
came near Damascus: and
suddenly there shined
round about him a light
from heaven:

Acts 9:4

And he fell to the earth, and
heard a voice saying unto
him, Saul, Saul, why
persecutest thou me?

Acts 9:5

And he said, Who art thou,
Lord? And the Lord said, I am
Jesus whom thou
persecutest: it is hard for
thee to kick against the
pricks.

Acts 9:6

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Acts 9:7

And the men which
journeyed with him stood
speechless, hearing a
voice, but seeing no man.

Acts 9:8

And Saul arose from the earth;
and when his eyes were
opened, he saw no man: but
they led him by the hand,
and brought him into
Damascus.

Acts 9:9

And he was three days
without sight, and neither
did eat nor drink.

Acts 9:10

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

Acts 9:11

And the Lord said unto him,
Arise, and go into the street
which is called Straight, and
enquire in the house of Judas
for one called Saul, of Tarsus:
for, behold, he prayeth,

Acts 9:12

And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Acts 9:13

Then Ananias answered,
Lord, I have heard by many
of this man, how much evil
he hath done to thy saints
at Jerusalem:

Acts 9:14

And here he hath authority
from the chief priests to
bind all that call on thy
name.

Acts 9:15

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Acts 9:16

For I will shew him how
great things he must suffer
for my name's sake.

Acts 9:17

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 9:18

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Acts 9:19

And when he had received
meat, he was strengthened.

Then was Saul certain days
with the disciples which were
at Damascus.

Acts 9:20

And straightway he
preached Christ in the
synagogues, that he is the
Son of God.

Acts 9:21

But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

Acts 9:22

But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Acts 9:23

And after that many days
were fulfilled, the Jews
took counsel to kill him:

Acts 9:24

But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

Acts 9:25

Then the disciples took him
by night, and let him down
by the wall in a basket.

Acts 9:26

And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

Acts 9:27

But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:28

And he was with them
coming in and going out at
Jerusalem.

Acts 9:29

And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

Acts 9:30

Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

The call of God
is given by God

The call of God
is received by
man

The call of God
is born in the
FIRE

The call of God is
authorized by
spiritual
authority

The call of God
is carried out
in faithfulness

The call of God
is rewarded in
Heaven

2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

The devil will throw
everything he can
at you to keep you
from fulfilling the
call of God

It is your
responsibility to
fulfill the call of
God on your life
no one else's

You must be
willing to go
through the
“unknown” test

-Are you willing
to stop preaching
publicly for a
period of
time? Acts 9:30

-Are you
willing to do the
menial tasks? .

Galatians 2:1

Then fourteen years after I
went up again to
Jerusalem with Barnabas,
and took Titus with me
also.

Galatians 2:2

And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

Revelation 3:8

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

You must be
willing to totally
submit to
spiritual authority

-Your spiritual
authority is
anoointed to lead
your ministry.

-the quality of your test here is dependent on how much you go to spiritual authority, it's not their job to chase you down.

-take your
volunteer position
as serious or more
serious than your
paid job.

Acts 13:1

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

God's will must be
more important
to you than
people's will