

Seeking His Presence
Faithful in the Ordinary
Sunday, August 31, 2025

Acts 9:10-19 NIV

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹ 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. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” ¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” ¹⁷ 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.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

1. Quiet Faithfulness.

2. Tuned to God.

3. Ordinary Paves Way for Extraordinary.

Conclusion: God is not calling us to make our names great; He is calling us to make His name great! It is our faithful obedience in our ordinary living that God delights in. Let us rejoice in the wonderful, ordinary moments of life for we never know how God will turn them into extraordinary moments to His glory!

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of August 31st-September 6th, 2025

Ice Breaker: How have you found God in your ordinary living?

Read Acts 9:1-20.

1. What was Saul up to? (vs.1-2)
2. Who did Saul encounter on his way to Damascus? (v.3)
3. What was their exchange? (vs.4-6)
4. What happened to Saul during and after this encounter? (vs. 7-9)
5. Who do we meet in v.10? What do we know about him?
6. Read Luke 16:10. Why might God call Ananias for this task?
7. What does the Lord ask Ananias to do? (vs. 11-12)
8. How many times have you prayed for others and wondered did it matter?
9. Might the act of prayer seem ordinary at some points? Why?
10. What was Ananias’ hesitation? (vs.13-14)
11. Have you ever questioned doing the faithful acts because of how a situation appears? (Praying, encouraging, helping, giving...)
12. What was God’s response and command? (vs.15-16)
13. What did God reveal to Ananias about His greater purpose and how faithful acts tie in? What does this teach us about God’s greater purposes and remaining faithful in our ordinary acts of service?
14. What did Ananias do? (v.17)
15. How did he address Saul? What is the significance?
16. What did God cause to happen when Ananias laid hands on Saul? (v.18) Who was that for?
17. What action did Saul take immediately after? (v.18)
18. What is set in motion following this encounter? (v.20)
19. What is the extraordinary that came out of this faithful prayer?
20. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11. How are we to live? What might that look like on the daily for Christian living?
21. Read Isaiah 30:21. What is most important in how we live? Is this just for our mountain top moments? Or all moments?
22. Read 1 Samuel 15:22. What does the Lord delight in?
23. Read Philippians 2:13. How did God demonstrate this in Acts 9?
24. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. What do our faithful acts make way for?

Point to ponder: Think of all the unnamed people in the Bible who were part of extraordinary moments because they faithfully served in the ordinary.