

UNSTOPPABLE

ACTS: THE MISSION OF JESUS THROUGH HIS CHURCH

UNSTOPPABLE "redemption" - Rev. Riley Berthaudin

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Text: Acts 9

This passage walks through the powerful story of Saul's encounter with Jesus and Ananias' step of obedience, showing us that God can transform anyone and use everyone.

Saul was a deeply religious man who genuinely believed he was serving God. He was passionate, disciplined, and confident in his understanding of Scripture, yet he was spiritually blind. He couldn't see that Jesus was the Messiah. Instead, he actively persecuted Christians, convinced he was doing the right thing.

Everything changed when Jesus met Saul on the road to Damascus. In a moment, Saul realized that he had been wrong. The very Jesus he opposed was alive and was God. This encounter left him physically blind, symbolizing his previous spiritual blindness. For three days, Saul sat in darkness, reflecting, repenting, and being transformed.

At the same time, God called Ananias, an ordinary believer, to go and pray for Saul. Understandably, Ananias was afraid. Saul's reputation was well known, and helping him felt dangerous. But Jesus didn't remove the fear, He simply called Ananias to go. In obedience, Ananias stepped out in faith. He prayed for him, and Saul's sight was restored, both physically and spiritually. Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit and went on to become one of the most influential figures in spreading the gospel.

**This story shows us two powerful truths:
No one is too far gone for Jesus to save.
No one is too insignificant for Jesus to use.**

"No one is too far gone, too undeserving, or too unknown for Jesus to use. He invites everyone into His redemption of the world."

**Some of us relate to Saul; we may be far from God, spiritually blind, or even resistant to Him. Others relate to Ananias; we believe in Jesus but feel afraid, unqualified, or unsure if God could really use us.
God invites both.**

**We are called to encounter Jesus through His Word and Spirit, respond in obedience (even when it's hard or costly), and live lives of full surrender. Following Jesus isn't always easy; it often involves sacrifice and suffering—but it is always worth it.
The same Jesus who transformed Saul and used Ananias is still calling people today.**

The question is: How will you respond?



Life Group Discussion

Warm-Up:

What is one thing that you do that most people would consider it “the wrong way” to do it?

Study & Discussion:

Read Acts 8

1) What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?

2) Saul thought he was doing the right thing but was actually wrong. What are some areas in life where people (or even we) might be blind without realizing it?

3) Who do you relate to more right now; Saul or Ananias? Why?

4) Ananias was afraid, but still chose obedience. What is something you feel God may be asking you to do that scares you?

5) Saul had a dramatic encounter, but most of us don't. How do you think God usually speaks or works in people's lives today?

6) The sermon talked about full surrender. What is one area of your life that's hardest to fully give over to Jesus right now?

Prayer: Spend some time praying over each other, that we would feel God's voice clearly and that we would be open to respond to God's call on each of our lives. Afterwards, share one way that you believe God is asking you to step out in obedience.

