



Three Lives
One Mission

Transformed, Sent, Used

Acts 9:1–31



**What is
GOD
CALLING
YOU
to do?**

WHEN GOD IS CALLING UPON YOU



ANSWER



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Some will read but few will answer.

God is Already at Work

The Holy Spirit Directs the Work

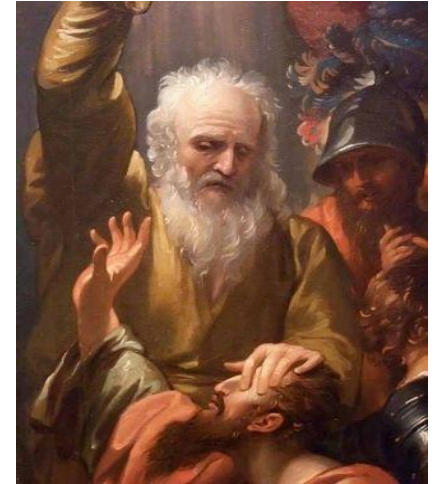
You will be my witnesses...

Main Theme:

The Holy Spirit works in different people in different ways, saving, transforming, sending, and empowering them to join God in fulfilling His kingdom mission.

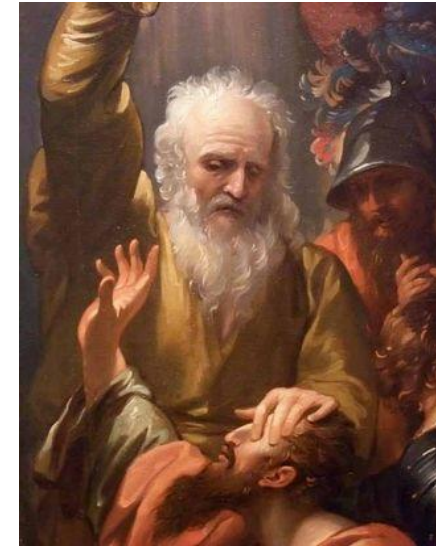
Spiritual Truth:

God uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary kingdom purposes.



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- 1. Transforming Paul**
From Persecution to Mission
- 2. Sending Ananias**
Fear to Obedience
- 3. Empowering Barnabas**
Caution to Encouragement



1. The Spirit TRANSFORMS Paul

Saul Persecuting the Christians

"breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples."

Jesus takes the initiative to save Paul

Meets Saul on the Damascus Road.

"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

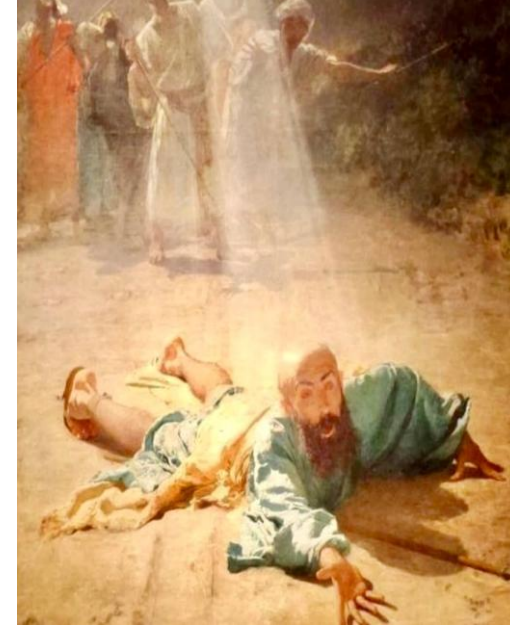


Jesus is Alive!

Saul asks: *"Who are you, Lord?"*
Jesus answers, *"I am Jesus,
whom you are persecuting."*

Saul is strike blind and healed through Ananias

*¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell
from Saul's eyes, and he could see
again. He got up and was baptised.*

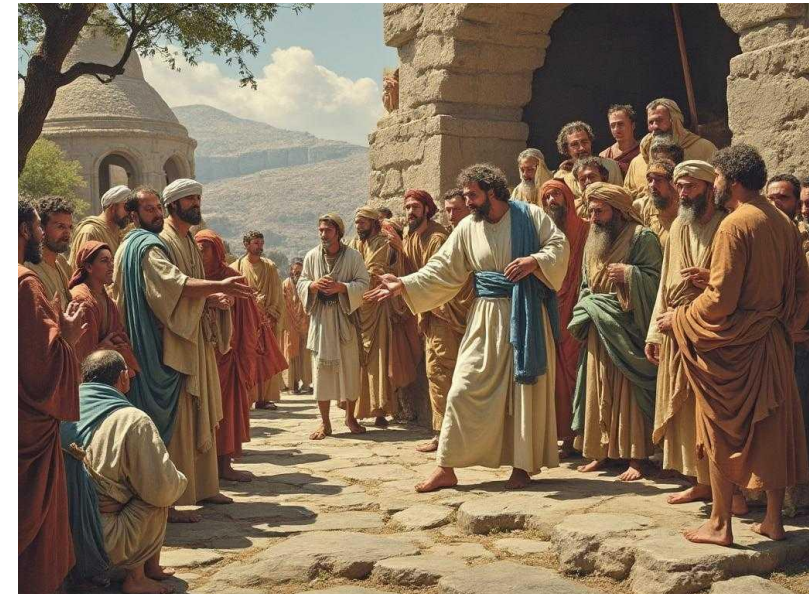


Saul Transformed

²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, 'Isn't he the man who caused havoc in Jerusalem...

The Spirit Can Transform the Most Unlikely Person From Persecution to Mission

- *Persecutor becomes a preacher.*
- *Enemy becomes a servant.*
- *Destroyer becomes a builder.*



2. The Spirit SENDS Ananias

**God speaks to Ananias
and gives him an assignment**

*"Ananias!" "Go to the house of Judas
on Straight Street and ask for a man
from Tarsus named Saul."*

Ananias is afraid

He knew who Saul was

*"I have heard many reports about
man and all the harm he has
to your holy people in Jerusalem."*

*this
done*



Ananias Had to Trust God's Perspective

*"This man is my chosen instrument to
proclaim my name to the Gentiles and
their kings and to the people of Israel."*

Ananias saw the Persecutor

God saw the Missionary

Ananias saw the past

God saw the future





From Fear to Obedience

Then Ananias went to the house...Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you... has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'

A Step of Faith

Spirit-led Courage & Grace to Receive Saul

The Spirit Works Through Our Obedience

3. The Spirit USES Barnabas to Build Bridge

***²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem,
he tried to join the disciples,
but they were all afraid of him,
not believing that he really
was a disciple.***

A Credibility Gap

Nobody trusts him

Paul needs a ‘Barnabas’!





From Caution to Encouragement

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

Barnabas Becomes the Bridge Builder

*He recognized God's grace and work in Paul
Did not allow the past to determine the future*



The Result: The Church Moves Forward

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers."

The Spirit Fulfilling the Mission

The gospel expanded through ordinary believers who together allow the Holy Spirit to work through them.

Learning from Three People God Works by the Spirit

- **Paul** — *God saves and transforms.*
- **Ananias** — *God sends.*
- **Barnabas** — *Uses to build bridges.*

Spiritual Lesson:

The question is not, "*Can God transform or use me like Paul, Ananias, Barnabas?*"

The question is,

"How is the Holy Spirit asking me to join what God is already doing?"





AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

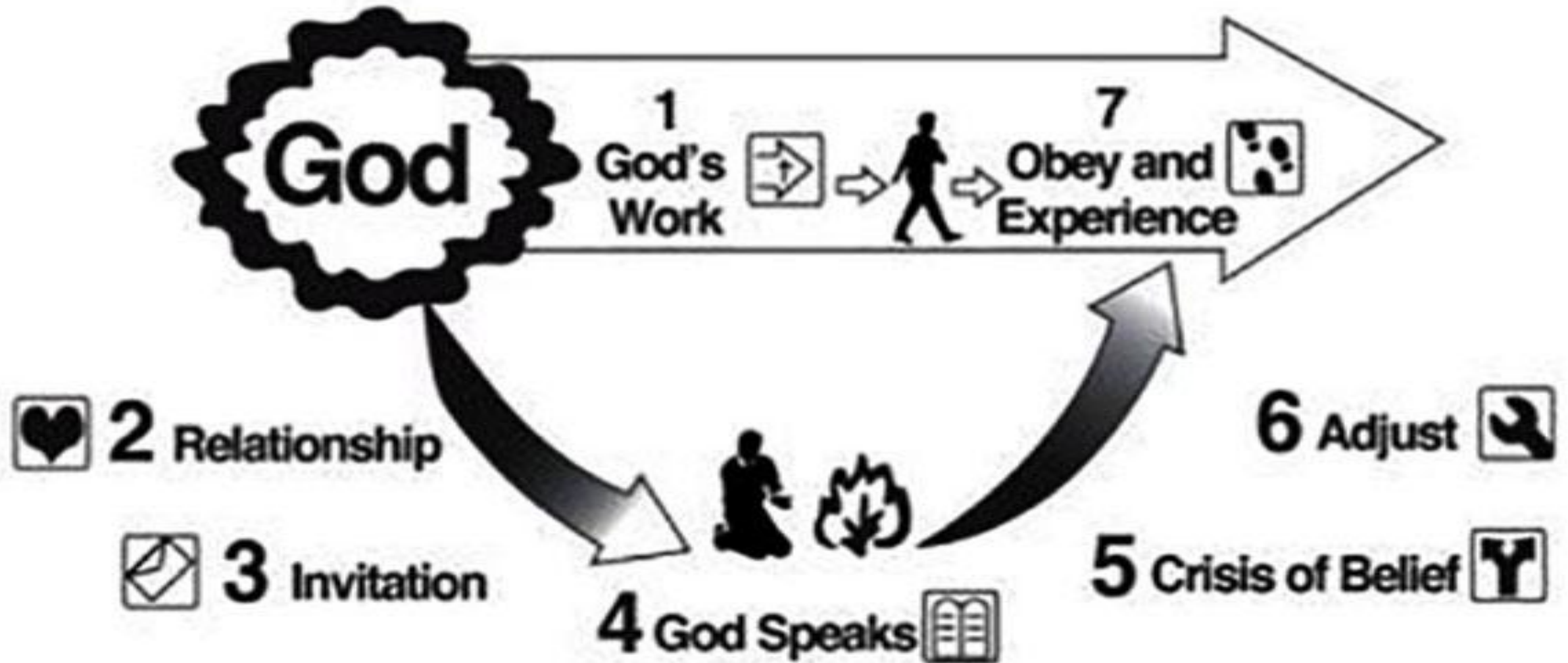
Join God in What He Is Already Doing

Let the Spirit Work Through You

So today, ask yourself:

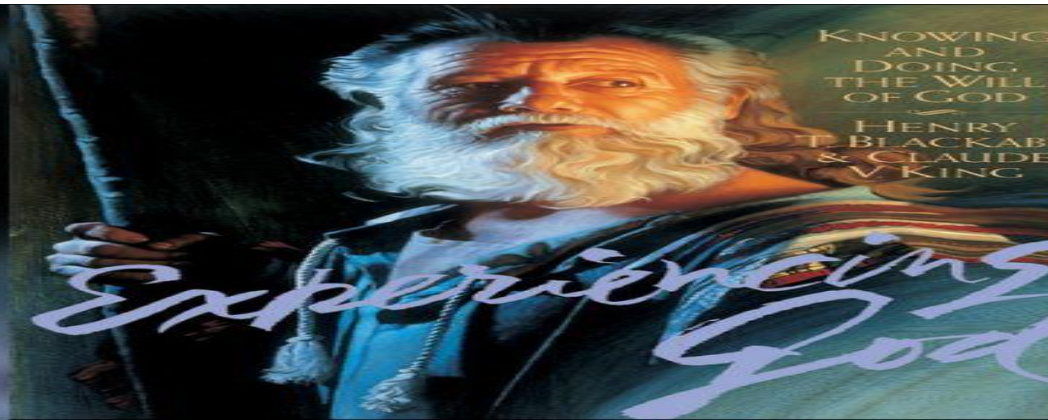
- Am I a Paul? *Do I need to surrender to the Spirit's transforming work – personal challenge?*
- Am I an Ananias? *Is the Spirit asking me to go somewhere or to someone I rather avoid?*
- Am I a Barnabas? *Is there someone God wants me to encourage, receive, introduce, guide, or mentor?*

Blackaby's Seven Realities of Experiencing God



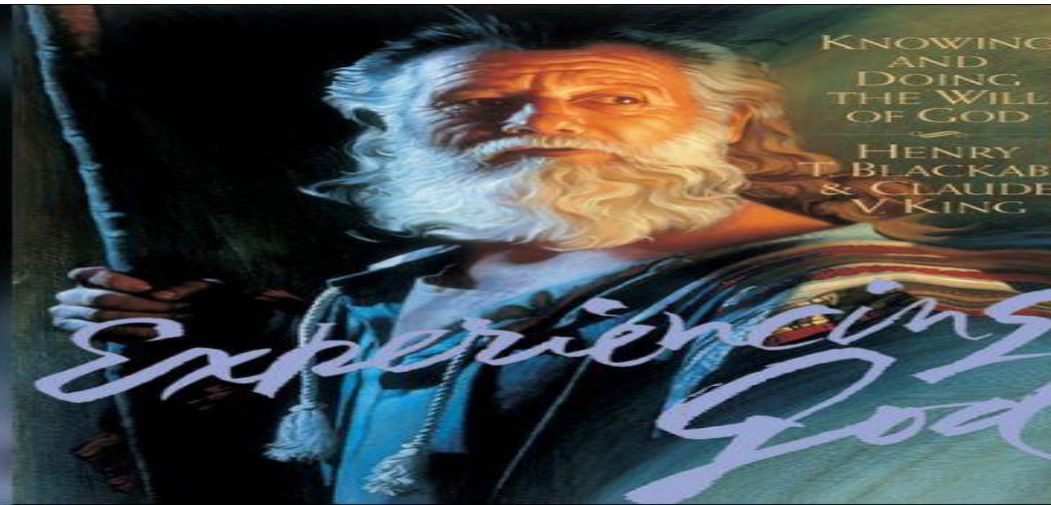
Seven Realities of Experiencing God

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing, real, and personal love relationship with you.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.



Seven Realities of Experiencing God

5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.





Church, don't resist the Spirit's work

Start looking for:

- *People God is preparing*
- *Relationships God is arranging*
- *People who need encouragement*
 - *People who need the gospel*
- *Young believers who need discipleship*
 - *Leaders God is raising*

Church on the Move by His Spirit



***"The Holy Spirit does not merely work IN us;
He works THROUGH us so that we can join
God in expanding His kingdom."***

*Submits to God's Word
Be Transformed
Obeys Christ gladly
Go where he sends*

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The Spirit Empowered Mission and Service



GO Be Spirit-Filled Courageous Witnesses