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God's

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for Good in A Broken World

NOV. MINI SERIES





Instruments *of Good News*

ACTS 9:10-19



Unlikely Instruments

Do you see yourself as a good candidate to be God's chosen instrument?

What does it take to be God's chosen instrument? How do we qualify?

Acts 9:10-19

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."

Acts 9:10-19

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.

Acts 9:10-19

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.”

Acts 9:10-19

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.

Who Me?

**Ananias is not on board with his assignment.
He has some serious concerns about this mission.**

But the mission is clear and the language used is very specific:

Saul is my chosen instrument. (v. 15)

What Chosen People Can Expect from God

- **To receive a mission, task and challenge worthy of our devotion and effort (v. 15)**
- **Many challenges and obstacles along the way (v. 16)**
- **God's blessing, the power of the Holy Spirit, the joy and assurance of salvation (v. 17-19; Acts 22:6-22)**

What Chosen People Can Expect from God

“Sometimes we go the cross for pardon, but never go to Pentecost for power!”

Bethlehem means God with us; Calvary means God for us; and Pentecost means God in us!

Chosen Instruments of Good News

Have you had your Damascus road encounter with Jesus?

Three questions we must ask:

- 1. Do you take this mission personal and believe God is depending on you?**

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Three questions we must ask:

2. Do you expect to face some real difficulty because of who you are in Christ?

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Three questions we must ask:

3. Do you see all that God has provided you for this great purpose in your life?