

Acts 9: Brother Saul

Acts 9:10-19 (with Luke 15:25-32) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

Read Acts 9:10-19 and put yourself in Ananias's sandals. Jesus tells him to go to a house on Straight Street and find Saul of Tarsus, the man who came to Damascus to arrest believers like him. Ananias pushes back: "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints." Jesus doesn't argue. He says, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine." And Jesus has already been at work on both ends. Saul is praying, and he's already seen Ananias coming in a vision. So Ananias goes. He lays his hands on the man the whole church was afraid of, and the first words out of his mouth are "**Brother Saul.**" Ananias didn't save Saul. Jesus did that on the road. Ananias just went, and called him family. So here's the question: **who's the person you've already decided Jesus can't reach?**

GO DEEPER, STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Acts 9:10-19**, then **Luke 15:25-32**. Notice what Ananias calls Saul, and what the older brother refuses to call his own brother. Then read **1 Timothy 1:12-16** to hear how Saul himself remembered it.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in Acts: **Acts 9:26-28** (Jerusalem is afraid of him too, and Barnabas does what Ananias did) · **Acts 22:12-16** (Paul remembers it: "Brother Saul, receive your sight") · **Acts 2:47** ("the Lord added to their number"; he does the building)

Luke's Gospel: **Luke 15:28-32** ("this your brother was dead, and is alive") · **Luke 5:32** ("I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance") · **Luke 19:10** ("to seek and to save the lost")

Rest of Scripture: **1 Timothy 1:12-16** (the persecutor shown mercy "as an example") · **Galatians 1:15, 22-24** (set apart before birth; the churches "glorified God because of me") · **Isaiah 6:8** ("Here I am!")

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

The Street Called Straight

R.C. Sproul · Ligonier Ministries (sermon, 2004)

<https://learn.ligonier.org/sermons/street-called-straight>

Sermon on Acts 9:10-19: Ananias's hesitation and Saul as Christ's chosen instrument.

Paul's First Prayer

C.H. Spurgeon · Spurgeon Center (sermon, 1855)

<https://www.spurgeon.org/sermons/pauls-first-prayer/>

Sermon on Acts 9:11, "behold, he is praying": what the Lord told Ananias about Saul.