

A Chosen Instrument

Acts 9:10-19a (ESV)

Because Christ is sovereign...

- 1. He recruits and enjoins anyone He chooses to accomplish His kingdom purposes (vv. 10-12).**

Acts 9:10-12 | ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

- 2. He requires and enables us to face our greatest fears by following Him in obedience (vv. 13-14).**

Acts 9:13-14 | ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

- 3. He regulates our areas of service, and establishes our degree of suffering for His name (15-16).**

Acts 9:15-16 | ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

- 4. He restores and empowers whomsoever He will for service in His kingdom (vv. 17-19).**

Acts 9:17-19 | ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.