



Power From on High

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Common realities in every conversion:

1. God takes the initiative to pursue us.
2. God exposes our sin.
3. We surrender our will to the Lordship of Christ in salvation.
4. We are commissioned to serve Christ.
5. We will obey His commands.

Acts 9:10–17 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 And the Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for 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.” 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.” 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

**6. We become _____ members
of the body of Christ.**

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Acts 22:12 “A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

“vision”

"Here I am"

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*Acts 9:8–9 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, **they brought him into Damascus.** 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.*

“the street called Straight”

“Judas”

“praying”

Prayer is another reality of all true believers.

*Galatians 4:6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, **“Abba! Father!”***

“for” - “_____”

**God _____ our prayers in
time of need.**

“for (behold) he is praying ” - ANT, ESV, KJV,

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.”

**We need the help and encouragement of other
believers in the body of Christ.**

Paul lists a number of people who assisted him.

Romans 16:1–4 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; 2 that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well. 3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

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14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

“chosen instrument”

*2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and **choosing** you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;*

“Gentiles”

“kings”

“sons of Israel”

7. We will _____ for the cause of Christ.

16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

"for" - "because"

"must"

Colossians 1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

"filling up" - _____

Those who will have the greatest impact for the kingdom God will be those who are _____ to suffer for Christ's name.

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"filled with the Holy Spirit"

Implications

1. We _____ one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the **unruly**, encourage the **fainthearted**, help the **weak**, be patient with everyone.

2. How are you like _____ ?

Discussion Guide

1. We learned today that believers become interdependent members of the body of Christ. Look up the following verses and discuss how they emphasize this principle.

1 Cor. 12:13-16; Eph. 4:11-16

2. Think about your journey as a Christian. Share with your group who God has brought into your life to guide or strengthen your walk.

3. How has God gifted you and how are you blessing others with that gift?

4. Do you believe most Christians are prepared and willing to suffer for the cause of Christ? Why or why not.

5. Do you believe Christians see other believers as instruments of God's grace? Why or why not?

6. How did God speak to you today?



ANSWERS: interdependent, because, answers, suffer, completing, willing, need, Ananias