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## SAUL'S CONVERSION AND PETER'S CONTINUING MINISTRY

*“Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.”  
(Acts 9:15)*

### Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God's Will</i>	God establishes our plans and allows them to come to fruition.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	Understand that God is sovereign over all of life's circumstances.
<i>Good Work</i>	Trust and obey God. Imitate Christ to prepare ourselves to become chosen vessels of God.

### A. Saul's Conversion (Acts 9:1–31)

#### 1. A Spiritual Blindness (Acts 9:1–9)

- “Who are You, Lord?” (Acts 9:5). Although he was full of knowledge in the Law, Saul did not truly know the Lord. He had been a stranger to Saul all this time.
- Saul was “kicking against the goads,” inflicting harm upon himself as he resisted the Lord.
- “Lord, what do You want me to do?” His physical blindness made him see his spiritual blindness; instead of relying on his own knowledge as before, Saul now sought to follow God's lead.
- When driven by our ambitions, we focus on our own priorities and become ignorant of how our actions affect our spirituality (Prov 9:10).

#### 2. A Chosen Vessel (Acts 9:10–31)

- Saul was clearly an enemy to the believers, yet upon receiving reassurance from God, Ananias obediently went to Saul despite his own fears, even calling him “brother” (Acts 9:17).
- Unlike man, God looks at our inner heart to determine His chosen workers (1 Cor 1:26–31).
- Saul's dramatic conversion is an encouragement for us to do likewise and put on a new man according to God's will (Eph 4:17–24; 1 Cor 11:1; Col 3:10; Rom 12:2).

### B. Peter's Continuing Ministry (Acts 9:32–10:23)

#### 1. A Spiritual Healing

- Unlike Saul, Peter personally learned from Jesus' teachings while the Lord walked the earth. His experience as God's chosen worker is dramatically different from Saul's.
- Aeneas' paralysis and Dorcas' death were both tools that God used to bring more into His fold. Peter, too, was simply a vessel for God's plan.

#### 2. A Spiritual Revelation

- Despite his experience, Peter still had things to learn regarding God's plan. His humility and open-mindedness towards God allowed him to understand His plan.

### Life Application

1. **Trust and Obey:** Our actions and speech show whether we truly believe that all is within God's control. This means accepting that God knows what is best for us.
2. **Become a Chosen Vessel:** We must prepare ourselves by imitating Christ, so that we are ready to serve God and become faithful servants, useful for His good works.

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## Lesson 4 Homework Assignment

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Continuing Ministry

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Acts 9:15):

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1. What does it mean to be a chosen vessel of God?
2. What does it mean to be spiritually blind?
3. What was Ananias' initial reaction to God's command? How did he act after God's response?
4. How did God use Aeneas' and Dorcas' illnesses to further His purpose? What can we learn from these events about the circumstances that we might experience?
5. Do you think your actions show that you truly trust in the Lord? Why or why not?
6. How do you think you can serve God? How can you prepare yourself to be a chosen vessel for Him?