

# Being with Jesus:

## A Devotional From the Book of Mark

Week 3  
Blind Faith

Day 4

### Scripture

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."

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. 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." 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.

— Acts 9:10-19

### Reflection

Has God ever asked you to do something that terrified you or that you thought was crazy? Maybe He wanted you to reach out to someone and share the gospel or to get up on stage and tell what He's done in your life. Maybe He asked you to go on a mission trip or to sit with someone who was a social outcast. Whenever this kind of thing happens, it is a test of faith.

In today's scripture, Ananias was praying, and God told him to do something he thought was crazy. God wanted him to go and pray for the man who had been persecuting the church! He essentially replies to God, "Are you sure, Lord? Do You know who this guy is?" In the end, Ananias obeys God in faith, and Paul's blindness is healed.

Paul then goes on to be a great Christian missionary and evangelist, and he writes parts of the New Testament. Ananias stepped out in blind faith, and great good came of it! We should do the same.

### Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for giving me strength to follow You. Thank You for being so good and loving that I can trust You when You call me to do something that is scary. Help me to step out in faith when You nudge me to do something. Amen.

### Questions

Have you ever felt God calling you to do something that didn't make sense to you?

Do you ever do things because you feel God nudging you to do them?

Has there ever been a time when you stepped out in faith and saw a great result from your actions?