

Acts 9:1-19

I. Do not be afraid to **ADMIT** when you need help following God. Acts 9:13

Isaiah 53:6 *We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.*

Psalms 25:9 *He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.*

II. Ananias **ASKED** in **FAITH** for direction. Acts 9

James 1:5-7 *If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you, for He is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; He will not resent it. But when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to tell you, for a doubtful mind will be as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind; and every decision you then make will be uncertain, as you turn first this way and then that. If you don't ask with faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer. TLB*

III. Ananias was **LISTENING** for God's response.

Job 33:14 *God does speak --- sometimes one way and sometimes another -- even though people may not understand it. NCV*

God speaks through: the Bible, teachers, impressions, Circumstances, pain.

**IV. Ananias was OBEDIENT even when he didn't understand everything about God's plan. Acts 9:15**

*Psalms 77:19 Your road led by a pathway through the sea --- a pathway no one knew was there! TLB*

*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

*Psalms 37:23-24 The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and he delights in His way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand. NAS*

*Proverbs 12:28 In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality.*

When God orders something done, He also makes a way to get it done:

1. He asked Noah to build a giant ark.
2. He asked Abraham and Sarah to prepare for a baby.
3. He asked Joshua to march around Jericho, blow trumpets, and shout until the wall fell.
4. He asked Naaman the leper to wash seven times in the Jordan River to be cleansed of his leprosy.
5. He asked each and every one to believe upon Jesus for salvation. **The resurrection changed everything!**

RESPONSE: What is He asking you to do which may seem impossible?