

They Walked with God: Saul & Ananias - August 2022

No person, apart from Jesus himself, shaped the history of Christianity like the Apostle Paul. Even before he was a believer, his actions were significant. He was a good Pharisee who knew the Bible and sincerely believed that the Christian movement was dangerous to Judaism. Thus, Saul (Paul) hated the Christian faith and persecuted Christians without mercy. However, Saul's personal encounter with Jesus changed his life. His fiery disposition was now used to spread the Gospel he once tried to destroy.

## Read Acts 9, Acts 26

We believe we make our choices and direct our lives, but the Bible directly points that God is the Almighty Hand that is always moving in all our choices and in every direction.

- 1. Saul (later the Apostle Paul) believed in a god that was different from the God of the Bible. Do you feel there is a temptation to create a god that never contradicts or challenges us?
- 2. What does this quote by Voltaire mean to you?: "In the beginning God created man in His own image, and man has been trying to repay the favor ever since."

- 3. When did the Lord begin to change your life? Do you believe He moved behind the scenes before you noticed?
- 4. Has God used pain in your life to get your attention?
- 5. Pastor Riddle shared a point: "We Must Honor the Pace of God in People". What do you believe he meant?
- 6. Proverbs 16:9 "The heart of man makes his plans, but the LORD establishes his steps." How do you understand this verse in the context of your life?
- 7. God's Sovereignty is our destiny. Do you have any stories that testify to this?

