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**TITLE:**

The Lord's Commission to Paul

**TEXT:**

Acts 9:10-18

**PAUL'S JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS**

- Paul made plans to go to Damascus to persecute and arrest the believers and imprison them in Jerusalem (9:1-2).
- Damascus was an ancient and large Syrian city.
- The fact that Paul was going to Damascus in pursuit of Christians indicates that there was a church there.
- The Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Paul near Damascus. Paul was converted during this time (9:3-9).
- Repentance and faith are evident in his salvation.

**ANANIAS MINISTERED TO PAUL**

- After seeing Jesus in a vision, Paul spent three days in Damascus without eating or drinking (9:8-9).
- The Lord appeared to Ananias, a disciple, in a vision. This shows that he was the pastor - contact person of the Damascene church. The Lord instructed Ananias to go to Paul, who lived on Straight Street (9:10-12).
- Ananias hesitated due to Paul's reputation as a persecutor of Christians (9:13-14).
- The Lord reassured Ananias, telling him Paul was chosen to spread His name to Gentiles, kings, and Israelites (9:15-16).
- Ananias obeyed and went to Paul, laying hands on him and saying Jesus sent him to restore Paul's sight and fill him with the Holy Spirit (9:17).
- Paul regained his sight, received the Holy Spirit, and was baptized (9:18).

**THE LORD'S COMMISSION TO PAUL**

- Paul is commissioned to bear His name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.
  - He obeyed the Lord without consulting other apostles (Gal. 1:15-17).
  - He calls himself the apostle of the Gentiles (Rom. 11:13; Gal. 2:8).
  - He ministered to the Gentiles (Rom. 15:16).
  - He appeared to the kings (Acts 25:23, 26:32; 27:24).
  - He immediately began to preach to the Jews (Acts 9:20-22). Wherever he went, he preached the gospel first to them, and then to the Gentiles (Acts 13:46; 28:17).
- Paul has been chosen to endure suffering for the sake of the Lord.
  - This has been fulfilled (Acts 20:23, 2 Cor. 11:23-27, 2 Tim. 1:11-12).