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STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Read Acts 9:1-19

If you were Ananias, what might you have felt at the prospect of being asked to go and pray for Saul to have his sight restored?

God essentially asked for Ananias' trust when it came to this request. What sorts of things would Ananias have to entrust to God in that situation?

Have you ever had a relationship that you had to hand over to God to manage? Was it difficult, and if so, why?

The sermon highlighted some of what Ananias must have grappled with: judgment, fear, anger, resentment, confusion. All of these formed a jail that would have prevented him from reaching out if God hadn't released him when he told him, "Go." What can you feel holding you back right now?

Ananias needed his own sight healed to no longer see Paul as an enemy to be feared but as God's chosen instrument. Invite God to remove the scales from your own eyes to see the potential in those who seem too far gone for God to reach.