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Courageous Christians: Saul

Saul meets Jesus *(taken from Acts chapter 9)*

Saul was angry. He was angry that the followers of Jesus were teaching about his life, death and resurrection everywhere he went. He was angry that the disciples were so excited about the way God had sent his Holy Spirit to help them to be courageous and kind. He was angry because everything was changing fast. Saul wanted to hurt the disciples and he wanted them all to stop!

One day, soon after the disciples had buried their beloved friend Stephen, Saul was travelling to the city of Damascus. Suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why are you hurting me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" he asked.

"I am Jesus!" said the voice. "It's me you're hurting! Listen to me. Go into the city and I will tell you what you must do."

The men who were travelling with Saul had stopped, not saying a word; they heard the voice but could not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground and opened his eyes, but he could not see a thing. "I'm blind!" he cried. "Help me!"

So they took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. For three days he was not able to see, and during that time he did not eat or drink anything.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. One night, he had a dream in which the Lord said to him, "Ananias! Get ready and go to Straight Street, and at the house of Judas ask for a man named Saul who is blind. He is praying, and he has had a dream about a man named Ananias who comes in and places his hands on him so that he might see again."

Ananias trembled. He was frightened! "Lord, many people have told me about this man and about all the terrible things he has done to your followers in Jerusalem. And he has come to Damascus so he can hurt all those who worship you."

The Lord said to him, "Go, because I have chosen him to serve me! Do not be afraid! I want Saul to tell everyone all about Jesus who is my Son."



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So Ananias courageously went to the house where Saul was, and placed his hands on him and prayed for him. “Brother Saul,” he said, “the Lord has sent me—Jesus himself, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He sent me so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Then a very strange thing happened! Something like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was able to see again. He stood up and smiled and laughed and hugged Ananias. “Jesus really is God’s Son, and He really is alive!” Saul cried. “Praise Jesus!”

Ananias baptized Saul at once and after he had eaten, his strength came back.