



SERMON NOTES

Acts 9

Faith, Fads & Fairy Tales

Acts 9:10-30

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"Christianity without biblical fidelity is merely another passing fad in an age of passing fads." Dr. James Montgomery Boice, (Boice Expository Commentary - An Expository Commentary - Romans, Volume 1)

2 Timothy 4:4 (NKJV) "and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."

1. PEOPLE CAN C _____ WITH GOD'S HELP

Acts 9:10-30 (NKJV) "Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

Five women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. Tamar (Gen. 38) Rahab the harlot (Josh 2) and Ruth the Moabite (Ruth 1), Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11-12) and Mary.

2. WE ARE ALL C _____ VESSELS

Acts 9:15-16 (NKJV) "But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.'"

3. THE C _____ IS A FAMILY

Acts 9:17 (NKJV) "And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'"

Brother or Sister indicates at least three things:

- 1. Common father.*
- 2. Common rights and privileges.*
- 3. Common responsibilities. (Hello Brother or Sister).*

4. OUR FAITH MUST BE N _____

Acts 9:18-19 (NKJV) "Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at

once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.”

1 Peter 2:2 (NLT) “Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment”

Acts 9:20 (NKJV) “Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.”

5. GOD CAN A _____ OTHERS THROUGH YOUR TESTIMONY

Acts 9:21 (NKJV) “Then all who heard were amazed, and said, ‘Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?’”

Acts 9:22 (NKJV) “But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.”

6. BE A V _____ OF HONOR

Acts 9:23-25 (NKJV) “Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. 24 But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.”

7. MY F _____ ISN’T A FAD OR A FAIRY TALE

2 Peter 1:16 (TLB) “For we have not been telling you fairy tales when we explained to you the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. My own eyes have seen his splendor and his glory:”

Luke 24:11 (TLB) “But the story sounded like a fairy tale to the men—they didn’t believe it.”

Acts 9:26-30 (NKJV) “And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. 29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. 30 When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.”

ANSWERS

1. CHANGE

2. CHOSEN

3. CHURCH

4. NOURISHED

5. AMAZE

6. VESSEL

7. FAITH