

# **The Wonder of the Men who made it happen!**

## **Acts 9: 17-20**

### **I. The Wonder of a willing man!**

Ananias – not much is known – one chapter on the stage – 10 verses in chapter 9

But his willingness and obedient heart made him a man that helped the New Testament Church unfold to Millions...

Ananias – “Who Jehovah Graciously Gave”

- He was a believer
- He was in harmony with the Holy Spirit – he knew how to listen!
- He made Himself available to God
- He was fearless in the midst of fears
- He was well informed (vs 13-14)
- He knew how to pray for someone and God would listen

### **II. The Wonder of the influence of one man (Saul)**

The Wonderful love of God for Saul – He was a chosen Vessel!

We spoke of God’s value of one lost Soul; here we see God’s value of one rebellious man. Choosing to use this rebellious soul and putting value on Him!

### **III. The Wonder of the pearls of a man**

Moses – killed a man and God turned it into a pearl

Saul had men killed and God turned it into pearls

Saul knew the OT law and it was his downfall but God turned it into his greatest pearl.

His three days of blindness caused him to see a vision!

The Eunuch's pearl was that he was a eunuch... His position, prestige, His need for purpose, etc....

Ananias' Pearls were his Spiritual ears, his obedience in fear, and his acceptance of a hard task. His acceptance of one other's hated!

Paul's pearls were his Education, his exposure, his knowledge his tireless zeal to follow through on a task, etc....

#### **IV. The Wonder of the heart of a man**

Barnabas (vs 27) "But Barnabas..." – Son of Consolation

This man was the clutch man. When there seemed to be an impossible situation, Barnabas came off the bench.

Ch. 4: 36 Joses – was surnamed Barnabas because of who he had proved to be. He was a Levite from Cyprus.

Ch. 9: 26 "but when Paul was come to Jerusalem..."

Ch. 11: 19-30 Barnabas and Saul

- A selfless giver
- A recognizer of Pearls
- A wise man – sent Saul to Tarsus till it was time
- A servant who served long and well...