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A picture, description, or imitation of a person or thing in which certain striking characteristics are exaggerated in order to create a comic or grotesque effect.



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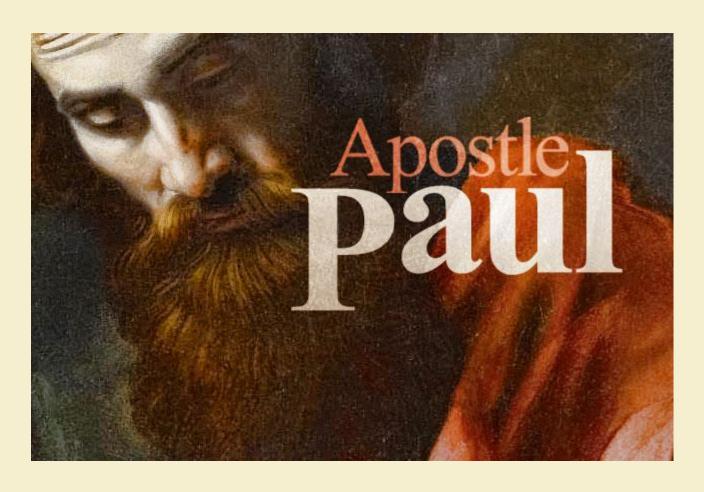






Acts 9-10

Saul/Paul



¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

- 20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."
- 21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?"
- 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Saul from being persecutor of Christ and His followers

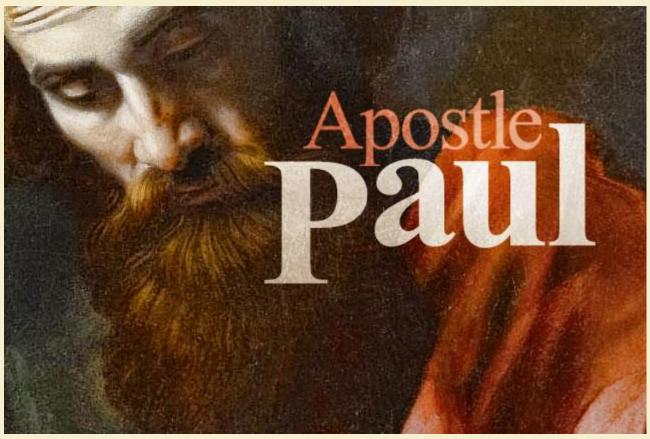
Became Paul, the proclaimer of Christ.
Both tasks he did passionately.

What cause the change?

He encountered Christ.

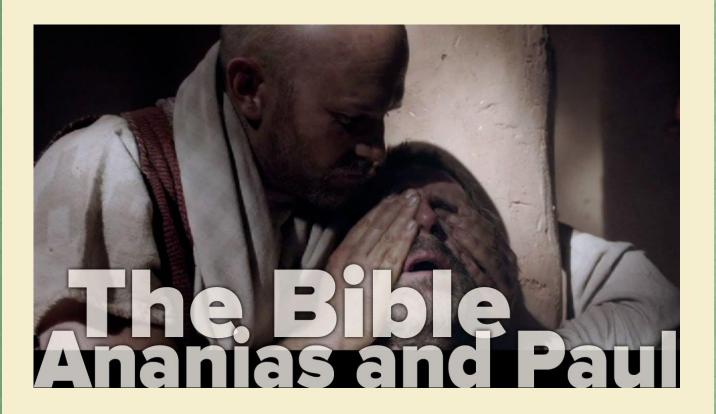


Saul/Paul



Paul was a man with great passion. But he was passionate about the wrong thing. An encounter with Christ, changed his life, his direction and his passion. What are you passionate about? Are you passionate about the right thing? Are you happy with your life? Do you need an encounter with Christ? A fresh encounter maybe?

Ananias



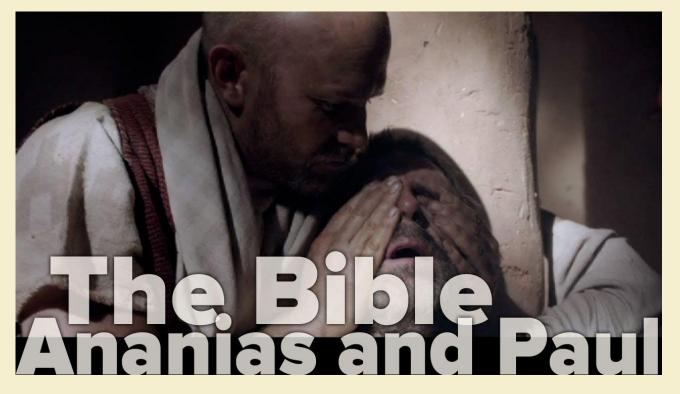
- 10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
- 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul

- 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.
- 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."



Ananias



Are you an introvert?

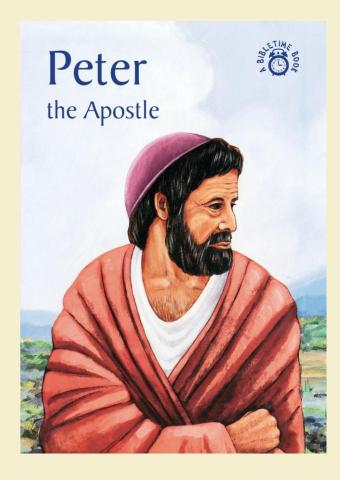
Shy and timid?

Has God called you to do something?

To reach out to someone?

You might not be a Paul but the one you reach to, could very well be or become a Paul.

Peter



32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.

Cornelius



In Caesarea

A centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort

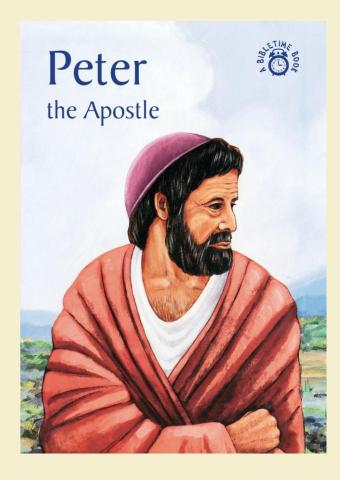
A devout man who feared God with all his household

He gave alms generously to the people

He prayed continually to God

An upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation

Peter



- 9 The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour (noon) to pray.
- 10 And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance

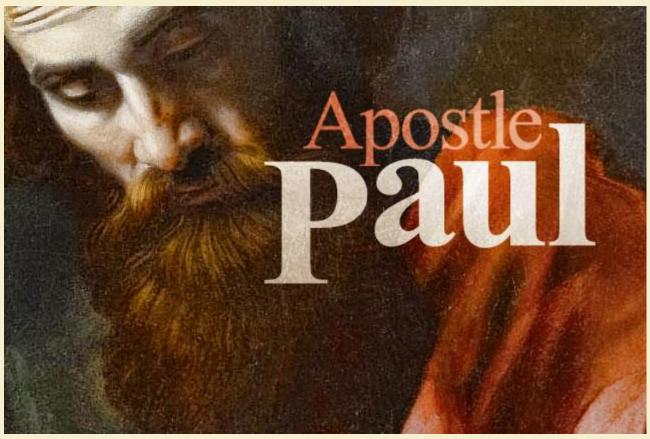
15 And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common."

16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

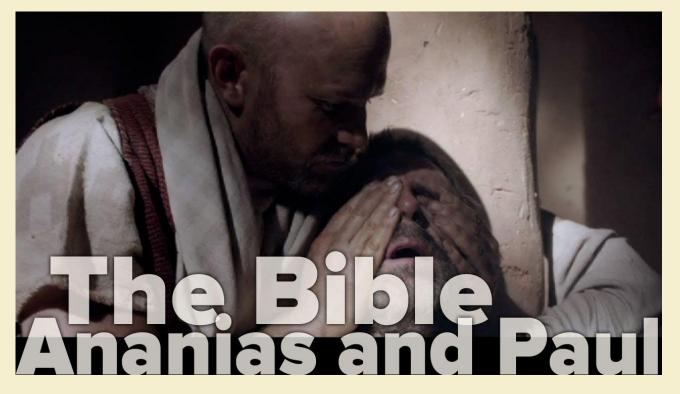


Saul/Paul





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Cornelius



Are you a God-seeker?
Do you hunger for God?

God knows, he will come to you.

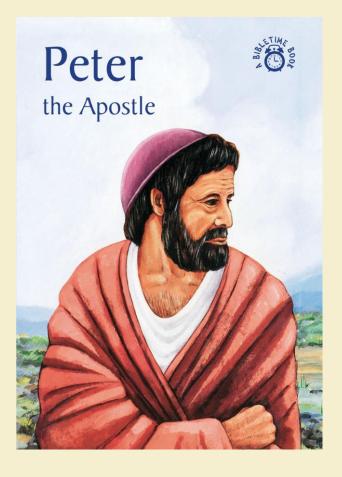
Draw nigh (near) to him and he will draw nigh to you.

He was not only a God-seeker but he was also conscious of others.

You have heard the Good News. Are there family members and friends who need the Good News? Will you invite them to come and hear?



Peter



Are you so fixed in your mind and ways that is limiting you and your life, your ministry?

Do you need a paradigm shift?

Are there prejudices that we need to deal with?

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