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## A MAN NAMED ANANIAS

(Acts 9:1 – 19)

### INTRODUCTION

We may think of the Bible people as “spiritual superstars,” not ordinary people.  
Let’s look at **Ananias, someone like you and me.**  
The story is also told in (Acts 22:1 – 16).

### 1. ANANIAS WAS A READY AND WILLING DISCIPLE

(v10) “to him the Lord said in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ And he said, ‘Here I am, Lord.’”

That’s like us: Someone asks, “Will you help me?” We say, “Sure, what is it?”  
We generally display an attitude of being a willing helper.

### 2. ANANIAS WAS HESITANT

(v13-14) “Then Ananias answered, Lord ... “

Ananias presents his objections: “You want me to do what?”  
At first he is willing to respond, then he is hesitant when told the assignment.

That’s us, too: “Here I am, Lord. Oh, wait, I can’t do that and here’s why.”

We will hear the job description of Christian living; then, begin to object and offer excuses.  
Moses did that: (Exodus 3:4) “Here am I.” (v10) Then he hears the assignment, and  
his list of excuses begin: (v11, v13, 4:1, 4:10)

### 3. ANANIAS TRUSTED AND OBEYED

God said to him twice: (v11) “Arise and go” (v15) “Go”

(v15-16) “But the Lord said to him ... “ - Note, God answered his objections.  
(v17) “And Ananias went his way and entered the house”

Hopefully, that’s me, too.

Even with all of our objections to disobey, God remains willing for us to obey.  
Obedience is one item that makes this story glorious. Trust and obey.

### 4. ANANIAS’ TASK WAS BLESSED

(v18) “... and he (Saul) arose and was baptized.”

Like Ananias, I must trust and obey in teaching the gospel to someone.

(1 Corinthians 3:6) “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”  
Like Saul (later the apostle Paul), if you are not a Christian, trust and obey.