



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men's Ministry - Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

▶ AUGUST 20 - THF Students

6:30pm-8:30pm - Fall Semester Kick-Off

▶ AUGUST 26 - THF College

7:00pm-9:00pm - Fall Semester Kick-Off

▶ AUGUST 31 - ONE Worship Service

9:30am

August 10, 2025

Please continue to check all
of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to
weekly activities and Sunday Services.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

August 3, 2025

BUDGET GIVING: \$23,126.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$19,346.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$552,048.01

BUDGET NEEDS: \$591,436.00

INTERSECTION

God may never ask you to change the world,
but He often asks us to change the world for
ONE PERSON!



The church owes Paul to the prayer of Stephen.

- Augustine

Truth:

The church also owes Paul to the **COURAGE** of ANANIAS
And, the church owes Paul to the **ENCOURAGEMENT** of BARNABAS

The Christian life is all about **INTERSECTIONS** ! God is constantly intersecting and connecting you with people and situations that form, prove, and strengthen your faith in HIM

#1 - SOMETIMES WHEN GOD CALLS - YOU HAVE TO WAIT!

SAUL LEFT WAITING **GIVEN NO ASSURANCES, NO TIMELINE, NO DETAILS**

⁶ ...but rise, and enter the city and it shall be told you what you must do... ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9:6 - Saul is told to WAIT ON FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

Acts 9:9 - The LORD left him IN THE DARK for three days!

God put SAUL on Jesus' timeline!

Lessons from Three Days in the Dark...

#1 Jesus-rejection is all about SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

20 YEARS LATER PAUL WOULD WRITE ABOUT THIS

2 Corinthians 4:4 niv

#2 Saul got an opportunity to **REPENT** from his **blind reasoning**

#3 The spiritual/scriptural 'dots' began to **REALIGN** correctly

#4 God's 'forced' reflection prepared Saul for all the CHANGES that were coming to his life!

#5 God SHOWED Saul what was the next thing

...he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight. (v12)

#2 - SOMETIMES WHEN GOD CALLS - YOU HAVE TO GO!

A 'CERTAIN' DISCIPLE...

ANANIAS NEVER SHOWS UP AGAIN IN SCRIPTURE

¹⁰ 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. Acts 9:10-11 nkj

Paul's Version of the Account -

¹² "A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing near said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very time I looked up at him.

Acts 22:12-13

- **Ananias** was **RELATIVELY UNKNOWN** - apart from this text, he is never seen before or after!
- We have **NO IDEA** how he came to faith in Jesus
- He lived in **(WAS FROM)** DAMASCUS
- He was **DEVOUT** 22:12
- He was DEVOTED to Jesus 9:10
- He was **DISPOSED** (AVAILABLE) 9:10
- He was CHOSEN BY GOD for this assignment 9:10

☒ You may seem 'insignificant' in some eyes, but assigned and empowered by God, you become **FORMIDABLE**

☒ God prepares YOU for the task and the TASK for you!

- God **encouraged** Ananias to a GREATER COMMITMENT 9:15-16

☒ Involvement with God and **COMMITMENT** are two very different things

IN THE INTERSECTION OF SAUL AND ANANIAS

There was **REASSURANCE** 9:17;22:13

There was a sense of FORGIVENESS and BELONGING 9:17;22:13

There was an **AFFIRMATION** of God's work 9:17

There was HEALING 9:17-18;22:13

Was God's **HOLY SPIRIT** 9:17

Was DISCIPLESHIP 22:16

Was **FELLOWSHIP** 9:19

There was a COMMISSIONING 22:14-15