

# Acts 9:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

## Analysis

Ananias' obedient visit to Saul demonstrates remarkable faith overcoming legitimate fear—the Lord commanded him to minister to Christianity's chief persecutor. Addressing Saul as 'brother' immediately includes him in the believing community despite his past. This encounter shows God uses ordinary believers, not just apostles, for strategic ministry.

## Historical Context

Three days after Saul's Damascus Road encounter (AD 34-35), Ananias received vision-directed instructions to find him at Judas' house on Straight Street. Ananias' obedience enabled Saul's baptism and Spirit-filling, launching history's greatest missionary.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How can Christians overcome fear to minister to unlikely or dangerous people when God calls?
2. What does Ananias' role in Saul's conversion teach about ordinary believers' importance in God's plans?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἄπῆλθεν δὲ Ἀνανίας καὶ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν καὶ  
went his way And Ananias and entered into the house and  
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ἐπιθεὶς ἐπ' αὐτὸν τὰς χεῖρας εἶπεν Σαοὺλ ἀδελφέ οὐ  
putting on him his hands said Saul Brother G3588  
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κύριος ἀπέσταλκέν με Ἰησοῦς οὐ ὀφθείς σοι ἐν  
the Lord hath sent me even Jesus G3588 that appeared unto thee in  
G2962 G649 G3165 G2424 G3700 G4671 G1722

τῇ ὁδῷ ἡς ἥρχου ὅπως ἀναβλέψῃς καὶ  
the way as thou camest that thou mightest receive thy sight and  
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πλησθῆς πνεύματος ἁγίου  
be filled with Ghost the Holy  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 8:17** (Holy): Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 6:6** (Parallel theme): Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

**Acts 2:4** (Holy): And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Acts 13:52** (Holy): And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

**1 Timothy 5:22** (Parallel theme): Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

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