



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 9	Title:	“Trust & Obey”
Author	Ps John Lin		
Summary of Chapter	Acts chapter 9 highlights an important story. The conversion of Saul, better known as Paul the Apostle, after he encounters Jesus on his way to Damascus to persecute more believers. Ananias a disciple of Christ is instructed to pray for Saul.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<p><sup>13</sup> Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.”</p>	<p>This is the only time you witness the mention of Ananias in the Bible, yet to me, there was so much significance in just these few verses. I would think of him as someone who’s a hero of faith. He was tasked by Jesus to reach out to the man that was arresting and persecuting Christians.</p> <p>There was a huge risk for him to meet Saul. Firstly, there’s a high possibility that he could be arrested and even stoned to death. Secondly, what would the rest of the believers think? Would they agree with this? His response showed that he was probably afraid and uncertain. A sign of weakness in trusting God. Ananias’ response reminded me of ... “Me”.</p> <p>I remember one occasion in my life when I was struggling so hard with forgiving a person who has hurt me so much. I kept brushing it off because I felt that this person does not deserve my forgiveness at all after what they’ve done against me. “Lord don’t you know what this person has done? Lord don’t you know how difficult it is for me?”</p> <p>However, the Lord continued to speak to me telling me to forgive. Those days, I had a hard time finding joy in my life. I was easily triggered by everything around me and I knew that my relationship with God became stagnant. I had not obeyed the very thing he told me to do, which was to forgive. Finally, I decided to forgive and to trust in His Word than to depend on my emotions and feelings. Since then, this weight that was on me was lifted and I experience a deep sense of joy and relief in my life. If only I had trusted God and obeyed Him at the start. What is the Lord asking you to trust and obey today even though it is difficult?</p>

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is one thing in your life right now that you need to trust and obey God in?
Youth:	What does it mean for you to trust and obey God? What is one thing you can do this week to apply this?
Child	Share a time when you find it hard to believe in God. What did the incident make you think of God is? Think of a verse together with your parents to help you understand God better. God's promises help us to trust!

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Father, teach us what it means to follow you each day. Holy Spirit, help us, reveal to us the areas in our lives that we need to trust and obey you more and more. In Jesus name, Amen
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.