

FBC Sebring Wednesday Prayer Meeting – Pastor Matt Crawford

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Prayer in the Book of Acts (Part 5)

Acts 9:1-9 (ESV)

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.

6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Prayer points:

- Praise God that He is sovereign over all things and all men, including those who would seek to do us harm.
- Thank God for His powerful grace that opened your eyes to your need for Jesus. Thank the Holy Spirit for convicting you of this.
- Pray that, just as He did in Paul's life, the Lord would work powerfully in the lives and circumstances of those that we share the gospel with, so that they would see their need for Jesus. Pray for specific individuals in this.

Acts 9:10-18 (ESV)

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, for behold, he is praying,

12 and 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."

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."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My Name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.

16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My 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.”

18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized.

Prayer points:

- Pray for a listening and willing spirit that would say, “Here I am, Lord,” whenever God calls.
- Thank God for His work in the life of Paul, through whom the gospel went to the Gentiles (us!), and through whom we have received much rich, life-giving truth in the pages of the New Testament.
- Pray that God would give us courage to obey Him and reach out to others, even when there is risk involved.
- Praise God for giving us eyes to see the truth!