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Acts 9: 15-18

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The Call of Grace

The CALL

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ACTS 9: 13-14 message

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- **(a)** Giving it to those you don't deserve it?
- **(b)** it seems so unfair , unjust that they get off so lightly?
- **(c)** The guilty go free, they get away with it?
- **(d)** It easy to receive but so costly to extend to others?

The **Command** of Grace

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ACTS 9: 15-16 message

- But the Master said, “**Don’t argue. Go!** I have picked him as my personal representative to non-Jews and kings and Jews.
- And now I’m about to show him what he’s in for—the hard suffering that goes with this job.”

Conformation of Grace

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The Consequences of Grace

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Applications

The Process

1) Shock

2) Protest

3) Willingness

4) Obedience

5) Conformation

1. **Am I willing** to be an Ananias?

2. **Am I willing** to go to whoever, and wherever to convey the grace of God?