The Seed of God's Word

Unit B4 - Lesson 4: The Road to Damascus

Lesson Prayer

Delivering Lord, you met Saul on the road to Damascus and changed his life forever. We thank you that your love for us in Christ has also transformed our lives, from people who were lost and alone, to your children whom you love and care for deeply. Help us to share your holy Word with others so that they would come to know your transforming power in their lives as well. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-19

1But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples
of the Lord, went to the high priest 2and 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. 3Now
as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light
from heaven shone around him. 4And falling to the ground, he heard
a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

5And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom
you are persecuting. 6But rise and enter the city, and you will be told
what you are to do."

7The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the
voice but seeing no one. 8Saul 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. 9And for three days he was without
sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord
said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
11And 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, 12and 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."

13But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this
man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14And
here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on
your name."

15But 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. 16For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of
my name."

17So 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." 18And immediately
something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his
sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19and taking food, he was
strengthened.

Second Lesson: Galatians 1:11-16a

Paul wrote:

11I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached
by me is not man's gospel. 12For I did not receive it from any man, nor
was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted
the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14And I was
advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my
people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

15But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who
called me by his grace, 16was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order
that I might preach him among the Gentiles … .

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