From the Pastor's Desk.....

Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." Acts 9:10 NKJV

Hello family.

Ananias is a great example of a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. All that we know about this particular "Ananias" is found here in Acts chapter nine, verses 10-18.

Notice how verse ten starts by referring to him as a "certain disciple". There are no extensive lists about his life, his conversion, his ministry, no personal achievements. No resume, no pedigree, no lineage. No technical or trade expertise is mentioned. Just "a certain disciple." A student and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision saying his name, "Ananias." This "certain disciple" didn't ignore the Lord, or try to avoid Him. He didn't have something more important to do, he simply answered, "Here I am, Lord."

This same disciple received instruction from the Lord to meet Saul of Tarsus; but he knew of Saul's history of mistreating Christians, and he knew of the authority that he had been given by the chief priests to continue harming believers, and he understandably had some concerns.

So he talks to the Lord about these things. Acts 9:11-14.

After Jesus tells him to go and explains about His plan for Saul, Ananias obeyed the Lord and went to Saul as instructed. Acts 9:15-18.

He didn't tell the Lord that he had something else scheduled, or that that simply wouldn't work for him. He obeyed the Lord.

What if we as Christians, students and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, would be like that "certain disciple"?

What if as every day Christians, we had instructions from the Lord, (and we do, right from His Word), and we simply obeyed Him? Even when by our own understanding and the appearance of what we are being instructed to do is not that comfortable or desirable?

Let's learn to be like that "certain disciple" Ananias and simply <u>trust and obey the</u> Lord unconditionally in what He instructs us.

Let's start by having that "here I am, Lord" heart and attitude.

In Christ's love,

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