



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

'A greater YES'

As I laid awake in a small bed in a dorm-type room in Togo, West Africa, listening to the torrential rains come down, I knew something was not right in my soul. God had opened wide this door for me to be here with a small medical team from my church to serve at HBB, an ABWE missions hospital. This was not the first time I have participated in a medical mission trip, or even the first time with my current church family, but this one was definitely different. I've had some time since to work through prayerfully processing the experience, and I think one of the main reasons this particular mission trip was so jarring for me was that I was working alongside several full-time missionaries. I've never done that before. Some of these missionaries are on the field with their spouses and several children. Some of them are single, serving the Lord on the mission field without any family. The questions that have been causing my soul so much disturbance in the wee hours of the night and throughout many days are "what if God asks this of me?" and "does God have my uncompromising, unconditional YES, no matter what He asks of me?"

I am afraid. I think Ananias knew about fear. In this scripture from Acts, the Lord is calling Ananias to go to Saul of Tarsus, who had been persecuting Christians and had recently been given formal authority from the chief priests to bind all Christians. Ananias brings this fact to the Lord's attention, just in case He, the God of the universe, wasn't aware. The Lord graciously answers Ananias' trepidations and confirms His call to Ananias to go to Saul. Ananias continues to respond to his Lord with a yielded obedience that challenges me, and I pray it will also challenge you.

The pastor of my church preached recently from this part of Acts 9. As he spoke of the beauty of Ananias' faithful response to the Lord in his "Here I am, Lord", Acts 9:10 (NKJV), he said he wondered how many of us current-day Christians are more likely to respond with "Tell me what You

want first, Lord, then I'll tell You if I'm here." I believe the Lord is calling us to be His disciples. In Luke chapter 14, verse 27, Jesus says, "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." In verse 33, He says "So, likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:27, 33. Jesus sets the bar of discipleship very high, but instead of being discouraged, I am relieved and grateful that He desires all of me and will not be satisfied with less. I pray that the Lord gives each of us the courage and strength to respond to His call on our lives with a resolute "Here I am, Lord."

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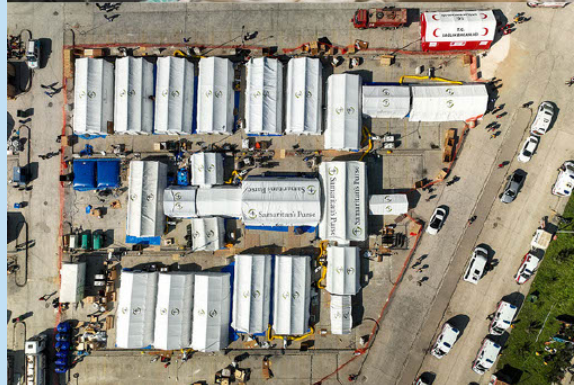
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Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm ET



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