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Rethink: Our Relationships Paul Borthwick

Acts 9:7-19

1. What does Mother's Day mean to you? **Open answer.**
2. Who are the 3 Ananias' mentioned in the New Testament and what did they do? **Ananias who was Sapphira's husband and died for lying about the sale of his property (Acts 5:1-11), the Ananias who was the high priest at Paul's arrest(Acts 22:30 & 24:1), and the Ananias who baptized Saul in today's passage.**
3. In verse 4 of chapter 9 how does Saul respond to Jesus? How does Ananias respond to Jesus in verse 10? What does this reveal about them? **Saul responds by asking "Who are you, Lord?" Ananias responds "Yes, Lord." This reveals that Saul for all his religious training and knowledge about God/Messiah doesn't know who Jesus is...he doesn't know Him personally. Ananias knows Jesus personally as Messiah and friend...he even challenges what Jesus calls him to do but does obey His command.**
4. Do you know Jesus more Saul or Ananias? **Open answer.**
5. Why was Ananias willing to obey Jesus and trust Him, knowing Saul had come to Damascus to arrest/kill Christians? **Because he was secure in his relationship with Jesus...his trust in Jesus was huge and he was willing to obey.**
6. How does self protection hurt my ability to love/serve others? **Relationships require risk...risk of hurt/betrayal/failure. If self protection is my goal I will have little or no relationships of depth/value.**
7. What is the most significant takeaway for you from this sermon? **Open answer.**
8. Who are you willing to risk with relationally this week so they might see Christ and maybe receive Him? What would keep you from doing this? **Open answers.**