

Thema: obedience to God

Text: Apostelgeschichte 26,19-22

(Paulus spricht: ) Daher, König Agrippa, war ich der himmlischen Erscheinung nicht ungehorsam, sondern verkündigte zuerst denen in Damaskus und in Jerusalem und im ganzen jüdischen Land und dann auch den Heiden, sie sollten Buße tun und sich zu Gott bekehren und rechtschaffene Werke der Buße tun. Deswegen haben mich die Juden im Tempel ergriffen und versucht, mich zu töten. Aber Gottes Hilfe habe ich erfahren bis zum heutigen Tag und stehe nun hier und bin sein Zeuge bei groß und klein und sage nichts, als was die Propheten und Mose vorausgesagt haben:

1. What is obedience to God?

- It's a duty of surrendership to God whole heartedly (Dtn 10,16)
- It is the price of success (Jos 1,8)
- It is better than sacrifice (1. Sam. 15,22)
- It secures entrance into the God's Kingdom (Mt 7,21)

2. Paul is saying in Verse 26,19 that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

- This is the same message we are sharing with you that I have obeyed the vision which the Lord gave me:
- By leaving the first church which had been built, the people thought me where crazy to obey the Lord to plant another congregation in the city of Kampala, a city of sex-workers, orphans and street children and now tormented by Aids and extreme poverty.

3. Verse 21 Paul talks about sufferings.

- We have passed through a lot of suffering.
- as a family sharing our resources to rent the place where we started.
- feeding the street children yet the offerings are limited because of extreme poverty.
- the city authorities do not want illegal structure and they have been always threatening to remove our shelter, we have started to build.

4. Verse 22 Paul is saying that he continued to speak "the word"

- we have continued to preach the word in schools, hospitals, prisons.
- We are planning to be on the radio, TV and to plant sister churches.
- We have so far planted seven mission churches since 2000.

5. We now have three homes for street children and we are praying for a primary and a high school and a vocational school. (Letzteres ist für junge Erwachsene, die vielleicht keine grosse Bildung haben, aber dort eine handwerkliche Fertigkeit erlangen können.)

6. All these have been a result of obeying God and we encourage you to continue obeying the word under all circumstances. Let us pray for people.

- God is faithful.
- I have seen God doing great things in my and others life.