

Still Called, Still Sent (7)

## New Beginnings Aren't Just for the Young

(Acts 9:1–19)

**Introduction:** “No matter what you’ve been told, new beginnings aren’t just for the young!”

### I. God’s call can reach you – no matter your age or past:

(Acts 9:1–6)

- Saul (Paul) had a notorious past as a persecutor, yet God’s call still reached him on the road to Damascus (**Acts 9:1–5**).
- No one is beyond God’s reach – He can call anyone at any stage of life.
- God even promises to carry and sustain us into our old age (**Isaiah 46:4**).

### II. God’s power transforms and renews us – “All things new”:

(Acts 9:17–19)

- By God’s power, Saul was completely transformed – he regained his sight, was filled with the Holy Spirit, baptized, and made new (**Acts 9:17–19**).
- In Christ we become a “**new creation**” – the old life is gone, and a new life has begun (**2 Corinthians 5:17**).
- God continues to renew our minds and hearts as we follow Him (**Romans 12:2**).

### III. God’s purpose brings fresh assignments – “Still called and Sent”:

(Acts 9:15–16)

- After his conversion, Paul received a new mission from God to spread the gospel (**Acts 9:15**).
- Ananias – a “seasoned saint” on assignment was called by a vision (*Acts 9:10*)
- Ananias was reluctant at first (Acts 9:13-14)

- Through Ananias’s faith and obedience, *Saul received healing, the Holy Spirit, and a welcome into the church family.*
- God has meaningful work for each of us, no matter our age – we are **still called** to serve and share Christ. (Eph. 2:10)
- Every season of life brings fresh opportunities to fulfill God’s purpose – we are **still sent** to love and minister to others.
- We never “retire” from God’s mission – as long as we have breath, He has a plan and purpose for us.

**Conclusion:** We are “Still Called, Still Sent” – at every age. Saul’s story shouts to us: God still has fresh assignments for seasoned saints! Your age or past doesn’t disqualify you; in fact, it can deepen your impact.

Will you like Saul, embrace it?

Will you like Saul ask, “*Lord, what would You have me do?*” (Acts 9:6).