

**Renewed:** Week 2 A Renewed Purpose

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:10// Acts 9:1-18

### **Introduction-**

Without true purpose for our lives, we run the risk of feeling exhausted by the same office cubicle, the same daily routine, the rat race, the sense that we live each day with nothing to show for it and no meaning.

The past year, has sucked the life right out of a lot of us.

It has left us looking for something more out of life. That is no way to live.

Even if that isn't you today, if we are honest, we are all in need of some kind of renewal from time to time.

When something is renewed, it gets new life. It is freshened up.

When we feel like we need to be renewed, we need to go back to our source of life, God.

Ephesians 2:10

The truth is that **GOD MADE YOU ON PURPOSE AND FOR A PURPOSE**

Though you may feel like you have no purpose in life, God desires to remind you of the desires he has always had in mind for you.

Maybe God wants to remind you today that though you have existed in your life for yourself, to show up at work, to build a social media following, to eat, breathe, and sleep. He might have a new, renewed, and greater purpose for your life.

Example of Saul who became Paul – Acts 9:1-18

People **often have a MISPLACED PURPOSE**

Maybe you can relate to Saul if not yourself personally, maybe someone you know in that has been marked by negative aspirations or even evil intentions.

The way they lived resulted in harm and pain to those around them.

God steps in to renew Saul's life by changing his plans and reorienting Saul around a brand-new mission.

What these scriptures speak to is disruption.

It often takes disruption to get our attention and reorient our lives.

What we need to understand is that no matter what my life has been like in the past, God can give me a new purpose.

How would it feel to know you were a chosen instrument of God for doing good in the world?

God has a plan for Saul, but that plan cannot happen if Saul is still focused on killing Christians.

God uses many different agents to help us discover the renewed purpose for our lives as well.

Sometimes God uses people to help get us on track. Sometimes he uses circumstances.

Sometimes he uses hardship. Sometimes he uses the Bible. Sometimes he uses opportunity.

**We have to keep our eyes and ears open to find our purpose for which we were made.**

There are some indicators that the Bible points to help us determine when God is speaking to us.

**First**, renewed purpose given to us from God will always align with what God has already stated in the Bible. God will not contradict His Word as he gives us instruction.

**Second**, this renewed purpose for our lives is almost always something that we cannot do on our own.

God's plan for us requires his involvement and empowerment for us to be successful.

The Holy Spirit in our lives will guide us as we move into new an undertaking.

**Third**, renewed purpose is often confirmed through obedience.

Rarely does God give us the entire picture at once.

Living out God's purpose for our lives requires faith and means we must step out in order to find out.

**Closing**

