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TRANSFORMATION & RESTORATION

JUNE 3, 2026

Saul to Paul: Complete Renovation

Scripture

Acts 9:1–22

Introduction

Transformation begins when we encounter Jesus personally. Saul was a man filled with anger, pride, and religious zeal, yet one divine encounter completely changed the direction of his life. God specializes in renovating broken hearts, redirecting misguided passion, and using transformed people for Kingdom purpose.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

1. Understand the dramatic conversion of Saul.
 2. Recognize that nobody is beyond God's saving power.
 3. Identify areas in their own lives needing spiritual renovation.
 4. Embrace God's ability to transform pain into purpose.
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Key Verse

“But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me...”
— Acts 9:15

Opening Question



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Have you ever witnessed someone's life completely change for the better after an encounter with God?

Outline

I. Saul's Condition Before Christ (vv. 1–2)

- A. Filled with hatred and violence
 - Saul persecuted believers.
 - He believed he was doing God's will.
- B. Religious but spiritually blind
 - Outward religion without inward relationship.
 - Zeal without revelation can become dangerous.

Discussion Point

How can people appear spiritually committed yet still miss God?

II. The Divine Encounter (vv. 3–9)

- A. Jesus interrupted Saul's journey
 - God often meets us unexpectedly.
 - The bright light revealed divine authority.
- B. Saul confronted truth
 - "Why persecutest thou me?"
 - Jesus identifies personally with His people.
- C. Blindness produced dependence
 - Saul had to be led by others.
 - God sometimes removes our strength to rebuild us spiritually.



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Application

God will sometimes stop our plans to redirect our purpose.

III. Ananias and the Ministry of Restoration (vv. 10–17)

- A. God used an ordinary disciple
 - Ananias was hesitant but obedient.
- B. Restoration requires community
 - Saul needed someone willing to receive him.

Discussion Point

Why is it difficult to trust people with a troubled past?

IV. Saul's New Assignment (vv. 18–22)

- A. Immediate transformation
 - Saul was baptized.
 - He immediately began preaching Christ.
 - B. Evidence of true change
 - His life produced visible fruit.
 - C. God can use your past testimony
 - Saul's history became part of his witness.
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Life Applications

- Nobody is too broken for God.
- Spiritual transformation requires surrender.
- God can turn enemies into evangelists.
- Your encounter with Jesus should change your direction.



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Reflection Questions

1. What areas of your life need renovation?
 2. Have you resisted God's attempts to redirect you?
 3. How can your testimony encourage others?
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Closing Prayer

Lord, renovate our hearts and renew our minds. Help us surrender fully to Your purpose and trust Your transforming power.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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JUNE 10, 2026

Jacob to Israel: Name Change, Life Change

Scripture

Genesis 32:22–31

Introduction

Jacob's life was marked by deception, struggle, and insecurity. Yet after wrestling with God, his identity changed forever. Transformation often happens through struggle, surrender, and persistence.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

5. Understand Jacob's spiritual struggle.
 6. Discover how God changes identity and destiny.
 7. Recognize the importance of surrender.
 8. Learn how wounds can become reminders of grace.
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Key Verse

"Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel..." — Genesis 32:28

Outline

I. Jacob's Fear and Crisis (vv. 22–24)

A. Fear of Esau's return



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- Jacob feared consequences from his past.
- B. Isolation before transformation
- Jacob was left alone.

Discussion

Why does God sometimes isolate us spiritually?

II. Wrestling With God (vv. 24–26)

- A. Spiritual struggle
- Transformation requires persistence.
- B. Refusing to let go
- “I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.”

Application

Faith refuses to quit even in difficult seasons.

III. Identity Changed (vv. 27–28)

- A. Jacob means deceiver
- B. Israel means prince with God

God changed both his name and his future.

IV. Limping But Blessed (vv. 29–31)

- A. The touched hip
- Transformation leaves evidence.
- B. Brokenness produced dependence.

Discussion

How has God used painful experiences to mature your faith?



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Life Applications

- God can redeem your past.
- Your struggle may prepare you for blessing.
- Spiritual growth often requires surrender.
- A changed identity produces a changed life.

Reflection Questions

4. What are you wrestling with spiritually?
5. What old labels must you release?
6. How has God changed you through hardship?

Closing Prayer

Lord, help us surrender fully to You. Change our hearts, renew our identity, and strengthen our faith through every struggle.

Amen.



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JUNE 17, 2026

From Fisherman to Fishers of Men

Scripture

Matthew 4:18–22

Introduction

Jesus specializes in calling ordinary people for extraordinary assignments. The disciples were fishermen, but Jesus saw evangelists, leaders, and Kingdom builders.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

1. Understand Jesus' call to discipleship.
 2. Examine the cost of following Christ.
 3. Learn what it means to become “fishers of men.”
 4. Embrace personal responsibility for evangelism.
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Key Verse

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” — Matthew 4:19

Outline

I. Jesus Meets Ordinary People (vv. 18–19)

- A. Peter and Andrew were working
 - God often calls people in everyday life.
- B. Jesus saw potential beyond their profession.



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Application

God sees purpose where others see ordinary.

II. The Call to Follow (v. 19)

- A. Following requires surrender
- B. Jesus promises transformation
 - “I will make you...”

Transformation is a process.

III. Immediate Obedience (vv. 20–22)

- A. They left their nets
 - Leaving comfort zones.
- B. They left security for purpose.

Discussion

What “nets” keep people from fully following Christ today?

IV. Fishers of Men

- A. Evangelism is intentional
- B. People matter to God

- C. Every believer has influence

Life Applications

- God uses ordinary people.
- Discipleship requires sacrifice.
- Evangelism is part of our assignment.
- Following Jesus changes priorities.



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Reflection Questions

1. What is Jesus calling you to leave behind?
 2. How are you sharing your faith?
 3. What gifts can God use for Kingdom work?
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Closing Prayer

Lord, help us follow You wholeheartedly. Teach us to reach others with love, compassion, and boldness.

Amen.



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JUNE 24, 2026

The Prodigal's Return and Restoration

Scripture

Luke 15:11–32

Introduction

The story of the prodigal son is a powerful picture of God's grace, forgiveness, and restoration. No matter how far someone wanders, the Father's love remains available.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

1. Understand the dangers of rebellion and distance from God.
 2. Recognize the power of repentance.
 3. Discover God's heart for restoration.
 4. Learn how grace restores identity and relationship.
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Key Verse

"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." — Luke 15:24

Outline

I. The Son's Rebellion (vv. 11–16)



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- A. Desire for independence
- B. Wasteful living
- C. Consequences of poor choices

Sin always leads to spiritual emptiness.

II. The Turning Point (vv. 17–19)

- A. “He came to himself”
 - Repentance begins with realization.
- B. Humility and return
 - He decided to go home.

Discussion

What causes people to finally turn back to God?

III. The Father’s Compassion (vv. 20–24)

- A. The father saw him afar off
- B. Grace ran toward him
- C. Restoration of identity
 - Robe, ring, and sandals.

Application

God restores what shame tries to destroy.

IV. The Older Brother’s Struggle (vv. 25–32)

- A. Resentment and self-righteousness



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B. Missing the spirit of grace

Discussion

How can believers avoid becoming judgmental toward returning people?

Life Applications

- God welcomes repentant hearts.
- Grace is greater than failure.
- Restoration includes renewed identity.
- The church should celebrate changed lives.

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever drifted spiritually?
 2. What does true repentance look like?
 3. How can we become a more restorative church?
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Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for Your grace and mercy. Help us return fully to You and extend compassion to others seeking restoration.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

