

"Old to New"

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"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good pleasing and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

Three Steps: How God's Voice Transforms Us

1. God Speaks Personally to Us, Acts 9:3-8

- a. God speaks to us in a personal way, just as He did with Saul on the road to Damascus. He calls us by name and gives us specific directions for our lives.
- b. God's voice can cause a dramatic shift in our lives, leading us to a new path.
- c. In moments of encounter with God, we may not understand everything immediately, but trust that God is leading us.

2. God Speaks to our True Value, Acts 9:11-12

- a. God reveals our true value and purpose, often through others, as He did with Ananias and Saul.
- b. We are not defined by our past but by the value God places on us.
- c. Saul's life was transformed when he understood the value God had assigned to him

3. God Silences Our Past, Acts 9:17-18

- a. When God speaks, He has the power to silence our past and give us a fresh start.
- b. Saul's past as a persecutor was silenced when he encountered Jesus and was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- c. God's voice brings healing and transformation, making us new creations.

4. Bottom Line:

a. There is no blindness that God does not have a purpose for.

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Group Life Questions

- 1. How does the transformation of Saul on the road to Damascus speak to the personal nature of God's voice in our lives?
- 2. In what ways can we recognize when God is speaking to our true value, as He did with Saul?
- 3. Have you experienced a "blind moment" with God where your life took a significant turn? Share how that changed you.
- 4. Discuss how God's voice can help us silence our past, much like Saul's past was silenced.
- 5. What are some practical ways to seek transformation through the renewing of your mind as described in Romans 12:2?
- 6. How can the example of Saul's transformation encourage us to trust in God's purpose for the "blind moments" in our lives?
- 7. What challenges do you face in hearing and responding to God's voice? How can you overcome them?
- 8. Reflect on a time when God's purpose became clear to you after a period of uncertainty or "blindness." How did that experience shape your faith?