



NO LIMITS
WITH PASTOR DELMAN

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Acts 9:1-9, 17-19

INTRODUCTION

The phrase “I was blind, but now I see” has become a powerful testimony for so many. It was first spoken by a man, born blind, whom Jesus healed in *John 9*. When questioned by skeptics, he cut through their theological debates with the simple power of his experience, declaring, “One thing I do know! I was blind, but now I see.” These words were later immortalized in the hymn “Amazing Grace,” written by John Newton, a former slave trader whose life was radically transformed by God. His eyes were opened not only to his own sin but to the saving light of Christ.

This journey from blindness to sight is not just about our physical eyes but the spiritual condition of our souls. We can have perfect vision yet be blind to God’s love, our purpose, or the injustices around us. The good news is that Jesus is still in the sight saving business. He can break through the fog of confusion, sin, and despair to help us see again. The story of the Apostle Paul’s conversion in Acts nine shows us that no one is beyond the reach of God’s transformative grace. His journey teaches us that no matter how we start, God can give us a new story.

KEY POINTS

1. Transformations Are Possible and God Can Change Anyone

The story of Saul becoming Paul is the ultimate proof that people can change. The man who breathed “threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord” became the church’s greatest champion. This is the promise of our faith: personal conversion is a real possibility. Your past is not your future. What you did wrong is not the whole story. We must believe that if God changed us, He can change our coworkers, our family members, and our communities. Do not let anyone, including yourself, hold you hostage to who you used to be. As the Bible says, “It does not yet appear what we shall be, but when he shall appear we shall be like him.” God is not through with you yet.

2. True Change Begins in the Darkness

Most people think Paul’s transformation happened when he was knocked off his horse and heard the voice of Jesus. But the real change began when Jesus took his sight away. For three days, Paul was in total darkness. In that blindness, his arrogance, self-righteousness, and bigotry were stripped away. He could no longer rely on his status or his intellect. He was forced into a position of complete dependence. This is a powerful lesson. Sometimes, God has to make us weak so He can make us strong. The path to true illumination for Paul was through blindness. The darkness was the condition necessary for him to truly see.

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3. The Darkness Is Necessary for Faith

Nobody learns how to walk by faith and not by sight in the light. As long as you can see where you are going, you are relying on your intellect, not your faith. It is in the painful, disorienting darkness that God teaches us how to truly trust Him. Anyone can praise God when their bills are paid and life is good. But the person who can follow Him into financial, emotional, or professional blindness has graduated to a new level of devotion. This season of darkness is your university of faith. It might feel like a test, but it is actually your transformation. Like Paul, you will come out of it better, humbler, and stronger than you went in. Great things happen in the dark. Resurrections happen in the dark. When life is at its worst, God is at His best.

Paul's transformation was not just for his own benefit. His new sight compelled him on a new mission. In the same way, our personal experience of grace must drive us toward public action. Being able to "see" means we can no longer be blind to the injustices in our world. Before his conversion, Paul was a bigot, a traditionalist who placed rules above relationships. He was blind to the true character of God. Our churches today must be careful not to fall into the same trap. A church that is silent on racism, sexism, and classism is antiquated. A faith that is more concerned with who is in your bedroom than with who is in the White House is not seeing with the eyes of Christ.

Our testimony of being blind but now seeing must lead us to challenge the systems that keep others in darkness. We are called to fight for a future that is more equitable and just than the past. We must use our new vision to see the marginalized, to stand for the oppressed, and to build a world that reflects the love and justice of God's Kingdom. Your personal transformation is the fuel for a world-changing mission.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. The sermon says, "Don't let anybody hold you hostage to what you used to be." In what areas of your life do you need to believe that transformation is still possible for you or for someone else you find challenging?
2. Reflecting on a "dark" or difficult season in your life, what did God teach you about faith, dependence, and yourself that you could not have learned in the light?
3. Now that your eyes have been opened by God's grace, what injustices or forms of "blindness" in society, such as racism, poverty, or political corruption, is God calling you to see and act upon?
