

# I CHANGED MY MIND

**Just because you can't rewrite your past doesn't mean you have to repeat it.**

**Acts 9:3–4, 17–20** – As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?” So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is indeed the Son of God!”

## **Moving Beyond Your Past:**

### **1. Receive God's forgiveness.**

- **1 Corinthians 6:11** – Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- **Romans 8:1** – So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.
- **Your past does not define or disqualify you.**

### **2. Develop godly friendships.**

- **2 Timothy 4:9–11** – Timothy, please come as soon as you can. Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry.

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- **1 Corinthians 15:33** – Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."
- New habits do not happen without new relationships.

## 3. Change your focus.

- **Romans 12:2** – Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- **Colossians 3:1–2** – Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.
- **Keep your eyes on Jesus and eternity.**

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