It's Never Too Late Full Send Message Series Week 9 Acts 9:1-31 Pastor Scott Marshall November 12, 2023

When you question God's ability to forgive, remember...

- 1. It's never too late to <u>surrender</u> to <u>Jesus</u>. (1 John 1:9; 2 Peter 3:9; Hebrews 8:12)
 - A. It's never too late for you.(2 Corinthians 6:2b)
 - **B.** It's never too late for the <u>Sauls</u> in your life. (1 Corinthians 15:9-10a)

"Saul's life wasn't changed because of karma or looking within or because he followed a self-help plan. His following lists of religious rules fell short. Jesus is what changed Saul. Jesus changed him forever. So if you want to start again, look to him, the Life Changer, Jesus Christ." Tony Merida, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Acts*, B&H Publishing, Nashville, TN, 2017, p. 141.

2. It's never too late to <u>release</u> your <u>regrets</u> to Jesus.

A. Stop trying to forgive <u>yourself</u>.

(Isaiah 43:25)

"'Forgiving ourselves' is common terminology used to describe the self-release of personal guilt and shame cause by our sin. The concept however is not biblical. Scripture says that only God can forgive sin. If we could forgive ourselves, we would not need Jesus; it would mean that Christ's sacrifice is not enough to cover our sins and free us from guilt and shame. When a Christian says, 'I cannot forgive myself,' it means he or she is mistakenly holding on to guilt and shame for sins already paid for by Christ."

re:generation: Respond to God's Grace, Steps 7-9, Watermark Community Church, Dallas, TX, 2021, p. 55

B. Accept God's <u>complete</u> forgiveness: It is <u>finished</u>. (Psalm 103:12; John 19:30)

Information on re:generation:

- What: It's a biblically based discipleship program for anyone seeking healing, recovery, or freedom from any type of struggle.
- Where: CBC Chapel
- When: Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- How: No need to sign up. Just show up and you will be warmly welcomed!

Resource on regrets:

gotquestions.org: dealing with regret