

“The Call Doesn’t Retire”

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Psalm 92:12–14 NKJV

12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

Our culture often celebrates youth and sidelines age. The Bible consistently shows God using people *later* in life for some of their most significant work.

Retirement from a position does not equal retirement from purpose.

God’s calling does not expire with age

God Often Begins New Assignments in Later Years

Exodus 7:7 And Moses *was* eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Moses didn’t wind down at 80... he stepped up. Moses’ first 80 years prepared him for his greatest assignment. Age brought maturity, humility, and dependence on God. God entrusted him with leadership because of who he had become.

We often think of life like a sprint, but God sees it as a relay and sometimes He gives you the baton later than expected.

Winston Churchill became Prime Minister of England at age 65 and led them to great victory in World War II. He later served another term as Prime Minister at age 77.

Strength Changes, but Fruitfulness Doesn't

Deut. 34:7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

While physical strength may change, spiritual strength can increase. Wisdom deepens with years. Discernment sharpens with experience. Faith becomes steadier through trials.

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God Uses Seasoned Saints to Shape Future Generations

Joshua 1:1–2 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.

Joshua didn't succeed without Moses' influence. Moses mentored Joshua long before Joshua led. Older believers carry great memory and spiritual insight. The church needs spiritual fathers and mothers.

We honor you not just for what you *were*, but for what you still *are*.

You may retire from your job, but you never retire from your calling.