

Lesson Title: Zeal Like God (having Zeal For Redemption)

Key Verses: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NKJV)

Summary

Sunday's sermon focuses on redemption through faith in Jesus Christ, centering on a testimony from a man named Justin, who shares his journey of being delivered from homosexuality and finding freedom through a relationship with God. The pastor emphasizes the power of God's grace to transform lives, urging the congregation to see past the sins and struggles of others to their potential for redemption and highlighting that no one is beyond God's reach. The message encourages believers to pray for the redemption of loved ones and to trust in God's ability to redeem and restore anyone from their past sins and struggles.

Key Takeaways

- 1. God can redeem anyone, no matter their past or current struggles.
- 2. Redemption often involves a process of healing, forgiveness, and transformation.
- 3. Our identity in Christ is not based on our past sins but on God's work in us.
- 4. God's redemptive work in one person can inspire hope and change in others.

Related Scriptures in Conversation

- 1.1 John 3:8... destroying the works of the devil
- 2. Acts 9:1-18...Saul's conversion into Paul
- 3. Hebrews 4:15...Jesus can sympathize with our weakness

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What stood out to you most from Justin's testimony? How did it challenge or encourage you?
- 2. The pastor emphasized that "you don't know you're deceived until after the deception has run its course." Have you experienced this in your own life? How can we guard against deception?
- 3. How does Justin's story demonstrate God's power to redeem and transform lives?
- 4. The sermon highlighted that God looks past our sin to see our purpose. How does this perspective change how we view ourselves and others?
- 5. Discuss the significance of the phrase "as such were some of you" from 1 Corinthians 6:11.

 How does this apply to our lives today?
- 6. The pastor stated, "I am not a sinner saved by grace; I'm a saint saved by grace." How does this shift in identity impact how we live

Practical Applications (pick one for this week)

- Identify an area in your life where you need God's redemption. Commit to praying specifically for breakthrough in this area.
- 2. Choose one person in your life who seems "unredeemable" and commit to praying for them regularly, believing in God's power to transform their life.
- 3. **Reflect on your own testimony of redemption.** How can you share it to encourage others?
- 4. **Practice seeing others through God's eyes this week,** looking past their current struggles to their God-given purpose and potential.