



Sermon Growth Guide

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What David Knew - Faithful Redeemer

Psalm 103

Key Verse: Psalm 103:4 “...who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion...”

Big Idea: God is our faithful redeemer, paying our debt and crowning us with His love.

Foundations

It's Memorial Day weekend, when we remember those who have died so that we can enjoy the levels of freedom we enjoy in America today. When a life is laid down on the battlefield, the people of that nation are “redeemed” in some sense—in the best sense, they are given more life and freedom through the payment of another.

But what about the places in our hearts that are not as they should be? Can the darkness in our own hearts be redeemed? David knew that God is Redeemer.

When we think rightly about God being Redeemer, we must make important distinctions between any mere human equivalent. God's redemption of our hearts is perfect in quality and eternal in direction. When God redeems you, He redeems all of you fully for all time, and not just future time, but your past and present as well. Whatever you've done, in Christ Jesus you are redeemed! Will you trust God in your redemption? Will you strive to live your life in gratitude of that redemption?

Begin your time together in prayer, rejoicing together that you have a Redeemer, a living Redeemer who is loving and active in your life! Ask God's Spirit to guide and guard your time together, to grow you even more into the likeness of Christ.

Understanding God's Word

What is the believer instructed to do in verses one and two?

How is God described in verses three to five?

What do we learn about the character of God in verses six, eight and 10?

Applying God's Word

God is our faithful Redeemer, paying our debt and crowning us with His love. Spend time together considering how you live into this good news. Do you know that God is your Redeemer? Do you live like it's true? Do you know that you're crowned with the very love and compassion of God? Would other people affirm that they know that you walk as a person crowned with the love and compassion of heaven?

Witnessing God's Word

God is our Redeemer. Our rejection of God is paid for by Christ on the cross. Even more, God gives us a crown of love and compassion. Psalm 103:4 says that God “redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion...” This is good news! How can you share this good news with someone near you who has yet to hear that their Redeemer lives?

No matter where you are, there is a Psalm to reach you and lead you back home to God.