



Relentless

*Week 3: A Costly Purchase | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 2.16.2025*

Opener

What is the most meaningful gift you've ever been given and why was it so special to you?

Read

Hosea 3:1-3; Lamentations 3:22-23; Exodus 21:32; Mark 10:45; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Philippians 2:6-8; Matthew 26:14-15; Titus 2:11-14

Main Points

1. God names the sin but proves that he loves his people even though they've turned to other gods and love raisin cakes.
2. Raisin cakes, in ancient times, were commonly used for pagan worship and idolatry - they were a part of ritual feasts and offerings made to idols.
3. God's mercy doesn't run out. His grace is endless.
4. What defines what is costly, it's not primarily the price paid, but the amount you have left after you've paid the price.
5. Redemption is rooted in ancient slavery where people were bought and sold for a price. To redeem means to release by payment or to buy out of the marketplace.
6. Jesus came to the marketplace where we were under the control of sin and of the enemy, but he came with the only price that could be accepted for our freedom.

Engage with God in a Group

- Where have you seen God's grace and mercy on display most recently?
- What are some things in our culture today that amount to idols, distractions, and "raisin cakes" that tempt us to consider them as more valuable than Jesus?
- When do you remember being tempted to consider someone or something as more valuable than Jesus in your life?
- How might your response be this week to Jesus as he convinces you that he's actually enough for you?

Bottom Line

Jesus assumes the value of a slave and gives us the value of a son or daughter.