

Intentional



Intention to Redemption July 24, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Joel Schmidgall

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Sermon Overview: What would happen if you started your day with a simple prayer: God where are you at work and how can I be a part? It's the difference between pursuing your own agenda or partnering with God's plan. We don't realize all that God is doing all around us, until through prayer, our eyes are opened. When we turn our attention to intention, annoying interruptions become divine interventions. Random interactions become relationship building opportunities. Join us as we talk through what it means to live out faith intentionally.

Sermon Series Questions:

- Where is God at work around you? What are some ways you can intentionally be a part of it?
- 1 Corinthians 9:23 (TPT) says, "I've done all this so that I would become God's partner for the sake of the gospel." What does ongoing "partnering" with God look like?

Sermon Specific Questions:

- Deliberate, conscious, knowing, and purposeful are synonymous with *Intentional*. Pastor Joel said "Our faith was born because of God's grace and someone's intentionality. Can you recall a time when someone was intentional in how they interacted with you. What were some aspects of that interaction that influenced or encouraged you?"

- “Imago Dei” comes from the Latin version of the Bible, translated to English as “image of God.” This expression symbolizes the connection between God and humanity. What are three steps you can take to see the value in those you come into contact with? What are some potential barriers that cause you to not see the unique God given value in others (i.e. pride, unconscious bias, frustration, etc.)?
- Paul encourages us in Colossians 4:2 to “devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” He again reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16 to “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Prayer is more than just verbalized words. Prayer reminds us of God’s omnipresence and our continual dependence on him. Prayer, gratitude, and attentiveness are essential to living an active faith. Where are you strongest in these three areas? Which areas do you need to grow in?

Digging Deeper:

- Sign-up for the NCC 21 Day Challenge to receive daily encouragement. The text messages will prompt you to reflect on what is on God’s heart, where is he working, and how can you be apart of how God is working around you. Text “CT21” “Lincoln21” “NoVA21” or “Online21” to 844-504-0861. based on your location.

Practical Application:

- Tune in to NCC Daily–Deep-dive the book of James through short teachings M-F. Get NCC Daily on our app or at ncc.re/daily.
- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).