

BEYOND SUNDAY

11.24.24

This For That — Dan Perkins

- 1. Personal Experience:** Have you ever experienced a situation where someone wronged you, and you felt the urge to seek revenge? How did you handle it?
- 2. Justice vs. Revenge:** The sermon distinguishes between justice and revenge. How do you see this distinction playing out in everyday situations?
- 3. Biblical Justice:** Romans 12:17–19 speaks about leaving room for God’s wrath. How does trusting God for justice challenge or encourage you?
- 4. Cultural Norms:** The sermon mentioned popular portrayals of vengeance in movies like The Avengers. How do these cultural messages conflict with or influence your perspective on forgiveness?
- 5. Jesus’ Teaching:** In Matthew 5:38–39, Jesus calls us to turn the other cheek. What does this look like practically in relationships or conflicts you’ve faced?

- 6. Forgiveness:** Reflecting on Joseph's story, have you experienced a moment when God turned a wrong against you into something good? How did forgiveness play a role?

- 7. Enemy Love:** Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:43–45). What barriers make it hard to live out this command?

- 8. Common Grace:** The sermon explained God's justice as "common grace," providing for both the righteous and unrighteous. How does understanding this influence the way you treat others, even those who hurt you?

- 9. Overcoming Evil with Good:** Romans 12:20–21 encourages us to overcome evil with good. How can you practice this in a specific relationship or situation right now?

- 10. Thanksgiving and Forgiveness:** The conclusion linked forgiveness with Thanksgiving. How has forgiving someone or being forgiven brought you gratitude or closer to God?