

Zoar Baptist Church — Sunday, April 12, 2026

Sermon Series: **WORTHY**

Sermon Title: *From Denial To Devotion*

Main Scripture Passage: John 21:15-19 ESV

Main Point: Jesus always has us face the truth, not to hurt us, but to heal us.

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures & Points

#### WORTHY

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” — Matthew 6:21 ESV*

The only enduring motive to the Christian life is the fact that God is Worthy.

#### “From Denial To Devotion”

John 21:15-19 ESV

*“Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.””  
— Matthew 26:33 ESV*

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”  
— Jeremiah 17:9 ESV*

*“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”  
Hebrews 4:12 ESV*

Jesus always has us face the truth,  
not to hurt us, but to heal us.

*“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”  
2 Corinthians 7:10 ESV*

The truth from Jesus always leads us  
to repentance and restoration.

*“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,”  
— Romans 5:20 ESV*

*“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”  
— Luke 9:23 ESV*

Is He Worthy?

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter to get you talking.

- What is a painful part of your past that stays with you?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get you thinking.

- Read **John 21:15-19**. Consider how Jesus leads Peter to repentance and restores him at the same time.
- Read **Romans 5:10**. Consider how God’s grace is magnified the more we become aware of the depths of sin. How does becoming aware of the depth of sin cause us to adore God’s grace all the more?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Share a time when you let God down. Share how God brought you to repentance and showered you with His grace to restore you.
- Share a time when you experienced godly sorrow (see 2 Corinthians 7:10). How did it lead you to repentance? How did it lead to healing or salvation?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, You love us so much. You deal gently with us in truth and in grace. Help us to have the humility and courage to allow Your Word to cut out the bad and lead us into all truth. Help us to take up our cross and follow You. In Jesus name we pray, amen.*

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take time this week to identify one area you have been in denial about, whether it is a current sin area of your life or the lingering hold of a past sin. Ask God to bring the sword of Truth to gently bring truth and grace to this area of your life.