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Sermon Series: Believe

Sermon Title: Zeal

Passage: John 2:12-25

### **John 2:12-25 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup>After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

<sup>13</sup>When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup>So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

<sup>20</sup>They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup>Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. <sup>25</sup>He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

**Jesus is passionate for lost people coming to faith in Him. He is passionate about His people removing anything that might prevent others who are seeking Him from finding Him.**

**We need to actively and intentionally make First Baptist a place where anyone seeking to meet God and learn about Him can do so with as few obstacles as possible.**

**The heart of the Gospel is that God loves the outsider; He loves the "Other" and wants them to be saved.**

**Hosea 2:23 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> I will plant her for myself in the land;

I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.'

I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people';  
and they will say, 'You are my God.'"

**1 Timothy 6:16 NIV**

"He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him."

The God who dwells in "unapproachable light" actually comes down and approaches us. This is the Gospel!

The seeds that Jesus plants can bear fruit long after they have been planted in you, and in others too.