

Sermon Notes: The Journey - 1 Corinthians by Pastor Wes

Introduction to 1 Corinthians

- **Purpose:** To conduct a brief survey of Corinthians, focusing on major themes and challenges faced by the early church.
- **Scriptural Reference:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Key Themes and Lessons

1. Unity and Division in the Church

- The church at Corinth struggled with division.
- **Scriptural Reference:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 - Paul's appeal for unity among believers, avoiding divisions and sectarianism.

2. Spiritual Maturity and Discipleship

- Transition from being mere believers to becoming true disciples.
- The importance of spiritual growth and not remaining stagnant in faith.
- **Scriptural Reference:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 - Paul addresses the church's spiritual immaturity, calling for growth and deeper understanding.

3. Sanctification and Holiness

- Believers are called to be sanctified and set apart for God's purpose.
- **Scriptural Reference:** 1 Corinthians 1:2 - Paul greets the church at Corinth, acknowledging their sanctification in Christ Jesus.

4. Confronting Sin within the Church

- Addressing issues of immorality and the church's response to sin among its members.
- The need for accountability and correction in love.
- **Scriptural Reference:** 1 Corinthians 5:1-2 - Paul confronts the issue of sexual immorality within the church and the community's response.

5. Living Out Faith

- The sermon emphasizes the relevance of the gospel and the impact of living out one's faith with conviction and unity.
- Encourages personal examination and communal responsibility.

6. Redemption through Jesus Christ

- The power of redemption and forgiveness through faith in Christ.
- **Scriptural Reference:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - Paul lists sins that prevent inheriting the kingdom of God but highlights the transformative power of Christ's redemption.

Conclusion and Call to Action

- Pastor Wes calls the congregation to deepen their relationship with God and actively contribute to building a loving, resilient community.
- The sermon serves as a reminder of the gospel's enduring relevance and the transformative power of living a life of faith and unity in the face of challenges.

This outline reflects the core messages and scriptural references mentioned by Pastor Wes in his sermon on 1 Corinthians, emphasizing unity, spiritual growth, sanctification, and the response to sin within the church community.