

## SERMON NOTES #136

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### II. JAMES THE SON OF ZEBEDEE

James and John were inseparable.

James and John were hateful and intolerant.

James had much zeal but little sensitivity.

In his resentment of the Samaritans' rejection of Jesus he reflected a commendable commitment.  
Jesus did not return evil for evil (I Pe.2.23), and He forbids His followers to do so (5.38–42).

James and John displayed more natural reliability than Peter.

James and John were brazenly ambitious.

Herod singled out James for arrest and execution.

James became the first apostolic martyr.

Zeal is a great virtue – But ...

Without love, the most dynamic & dedicated zeal—  
even in the Lord's own work—  
is nothing (I Co.13.1-3).

James gave his life as a brief & dying sacrifice.

John gave his as a long & living sacrifice.

### III. JOHN

John is mentioned alone in an unfavorable light only once.

John remained uncompromising in doctrine & in standards of morality.

Love without standards & convictions is a spiritual disaster as zeal without sensitivity.

John had an insatiable hunger for Christ's truth & fellowship.

Ten truths in John's writings:

- (1) God is a God of love (I Jn.4.8, 16),
- (2) God loves His Son (Jn.3.35; 5.20)
- (3) God is loved by His Son (Mt.14.:31),
- (4) God loved the disciples (16.27; 17.23),
- (5) God loves all men (3.16),
- (6) Christ loved the disciples (13.34),
- (7) Christ loves all believers (I Jn.3.1),
- (8) Christ expects all men to love Him (Jn.14.15,21),
- (9) Believers should love one another (13.34; I Jn.4.11, 21),
- (10) Love fulfills all the commandments (14.23; I Jn.5.3).

John was a truth seeker who was sensitive to those to whom he taught the truth.

### CONCLUSION:

Jesus transformed Andrew, James & John into fishers of men & foundation layers of His Church.

In the power of Christ they were transformed - they were sovereignly and willingly made to become powerful instruments in the Master's hands.

The fishermen of Galilee became fishers of men