



Lesson 4 Recap: Sunday, February 15, 2026 | God Is Purposeful in Redemption

✦ Lesson Summary: God Is Purposeful in Redemption

Today we closed out the series on God being intentional by focusing on **redemption** — the heart of the entire story. Katrina reminded us that:

- **Redemption was planned, not reactive.**
The cross was not God fixing a mistake. It was always the plan. God knew — and still chose to redeem.
- **Love initiates redemption.**
God demonstrates His love for us — even while we were still sinners. Redemption begins with love, not perfection.
- **Redemption restores value, not just function.**
God doesn't just forgive and move on. He restores your value, your purpose, and your assignment.
- **Salvation is transformation, not behavior modification.**
We can't "act right" to manipulate blessings. God is not an ATM. He desires real transformation from the inside out.
- **Purpose ends in renewal.**
God's ultimate goal is to make you new — restored, whole, and confident in who He created you to be.

She left us with this powerful reflection: **What would you look like if you fully trusted God's purpose for your life?**

👉 **See below for the full recap.**

Katrina opened up by owning her moment—she was running behind, couldn't find cords, her laptop was dead, and she was *"running around... like somebody crazed."* She admitted she almost told the group to go on without her, because that's how overwhelmed she felt. But she immediately connected it to the lesson: sometimes we let frustration—or lack of planning—start to mess with our calling.

This was her final week teaching on God being intentional—that He's purposeful—so she did a recap and then landed the plane with the big picture: **redemption.**

Lesson 1 Recap: God Is Intentional in Creation

Katrina reminded everyone that God is intentional *"in His creation,"* and she taught that **God puts function before form**—meaning God decides the purpose/assignment of a thing before He decides what it will look like.

She explained it like this:

- God created everything man would reign over before He created man.
- God created light, and then later created the sun and moon to "hold and house" that light. Her point: **God is not random. He is deliberate—He builds what's needed for your assignment before He places you in it.**



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Lesson 2 Recap: God Is Purposeful in His Process

Next, she moved into how God is purposeful *“in His process,”* and she talked about how purpose often travels through pain. She used Joseph as the example—because what Joseph went through didn’t cancel his purpose; it carried it.

She emphasized that our purpose is bigger than our perspective because:

- God “sits high” and sees forward and backward.
- God makes decisions in the “now” that are for our best interest—even when we don’t understand it.

And she reminded the group: **delay is not denial.**

Lesson 3 Recap: God Is Intentional in Your Calling

Then she taught that God is intentional *“in your calling.”* She referenced Jeremiah and Esther and drove home that **calling exists before qualifications.**

She said plainly: there are people with all kinds of degrees—*“doctoral religious degrees”*—but they don’t have a calling. And when churches (or leaders) focus on credentials over calling, people can be left *“not really being fed,”* especially if they are already in the Word.

Her message was:

God’s calling on your life is not dependent on what you’ve achieved on paper—because God already qualifies what He calls.

She also reminded everyone that God’s positioning is strategic:

- where you are in life,
- what you’ve experienced (good or bad),
- all of it can be purposeful.

And she highlighted a key clarification:

God “works everything together for the good,” but God does not say everything is good. Sometimes we get disappointed with God because we want everything to be good, but God is still working purpose through it.



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Lesson 4: God Is Purposeful in Redemption (The Whole Point)

Then Katrina said this is what it all boils down to: the story of Jesus, the story of creation—**redemption**. She called the Bible a love story and basically said: if you understood what God has done to redeem you, you'd see the whole Bible as a love letter.

She asked: **Do you know how much God loves you?**

She shared that God knew everything about us—what we'd do, what we'd think, the things nobody knows—and still created the redemption plan. She tied it to Valentine's Day:

- Some people celebrate love publicly.
- Some people are widowed and still love deeply.
- Some are single and the day feels heavy.

But she insisted there is a God who loves you more, and that you should rejoice because God's love is steady.

She used a bold analogy about “main” vs. “side piece” (Feb 14 vs. Feb 15) to show how people can be “with God” on Sunday, then spend the rest of the week giving themselves to everything else—like spiritual infidelity.

Her goal was to make it plain: **We don't always recognize how we drift away from intimacy with Christ.**

1) Redemption Was Planned, Not Reactive

Katrina made it clear: God already knew what would happen in the garden. Satan didn't surprise God. **God didn't “fix a mistake” with the cross—it was the plan.**

She described God asking Adam and Eve questions not because He didn't know, but because He wanted them to own their part. She even compared it to legal practice: you don't ask questions you don't already know the answer to. Her point: **redemption requires us to recognize when we're wrong and own it.**

2) Love Initiates Redemption

She used a personal story about her husband and Valentine's Day—how she got upset about flowers and effort, then later realized she was mad even though he did what she asked. She shared how she had to apologize and own her part.

She used that story to teach: a plan for redemption requires you to recognize when you are wrong. Sometimes we're mad at God about the very things we begged Him for—and God is like, I gave you what you asked for.



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3) God Redeems What Was Broken

She said it straight: God can redeem what was broken—relationships, marriages, parenting wounds, divorces, tense co-parenting, all of it. Then she dropped a huge line: **Redemption restores value, not just function.**

God doesn't forgive like humans forgive. **God restores your value, your purpose, your assignment.** Your sin doesn't erase who God called you to be.

She drove it home with examples: *having a baby out of wedlock, losing your temper, your past, shame, trauma* None of it gets the final word, because God can restore value. And she explained value like this: **the creator sets value.**

People and systems can't define your value if they didn't create you. **God knows your core, your story, your wounds, your "hard exterior," and He still calls you valuable.**

4) Salvation Is Transformation, Not Behavior Modification

She gave the analogy of dog training—how a dog will do things for “high-value treats,” but if it's only about treats, the behavior won't last.

Then she said the spiritual version: **We can't “act right” just to get a blessing and then go right back to old patterns. God isn't an ATM. We can't manipulate Him.**

Her emphasis: **Salvation changes you from the inside—transformation, not temporary performance.**

5) Purpose Ends In Renewal

She closed by saying **God's Purpose In All Of This Is To Make You New, Whole, Restored.**

She described how getting something “new” makes you feel better—new bra, new outfit, new shoes—and used that as a mirror: that's how we should feel when God restores us.

And she ended with the reflection question:

What would you look like if you fully trusted God's purpose for your life?