

Beyond Sunday

A Sermon Application Guide

The Planted Seed (4 Confessions pt 1)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Our hope is that the living, breathing words of truth that are revealed to you become a part of your everyday life. In the book of James, we read about a key to living life with God. We are told that if we ask for wisdom by faith then we shall receive it generously from our Father in Heaven. One of the best ways to receive this wisdom is by preparing to receive it. We invite you to pray this prayer prior to the message and starting the study guide:

"God, thank You for Your truth and wisdom. Help me to see what I need to see, hear what I need to hear, and know what I need to know. Holy Spirit, help me to understand in a way that shows me the Father's true nature and heart. May this time help me to know You more and become more like Jesus. Amen."

Message Theme

Our confessions create a faith that causes change.

KEY CONCEPTS/TRUTHS

'Confession' means 'to say the same thing as.' We are called to say the same things as God.

The Word was given to us to know the Lord more AND say what He says.

The devil tries to counterfeit the things of God in order to get us to say what he says.

Condemnation is from the enemy and conviction is from God.

Continued sin can taint and effect the way we see truth.

Faith is always speaking and is our way to victory.

God created by speaking and so can we. Our words cause things to be put into motion.

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers out.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it out.

REAL-LIFE APPLICATION

Which one of the 3 confessions is necessary for you to grow and flourish this week?

1. The Confession of Jesus as Lord This confession is for all those who have not made a decision to start a relationship with God through His son, Jesus. Does this describe you or a loved one that has been on your heart?

2. The Believer's Confession of Sin God wants us to have a strong soul and steadfast spirit. Being quick to confess a sin to Him will help us do so. If this is a confession that is necessary right now to keep your relationship strong with Him then start like David did; "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

3. The Confession of Faith Our words put things into motion. 2 Corinthians says, "I believed therefore I have spoken. Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak." What do you need to partner your faith with this week to say the same thing that God is saying?

THIS WEEK'S DECLARATIONS

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

- I will not fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I thank You for healing. (Psalm 103)
- I thank You for forgiveness. (Psalm 103)
- I thank You I am delivered from the power of darkness. (Colossians 1:13)

- I thank You for making me righteous. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- I thank You for a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I thank You for supplying all my needs. (Philippians 4:19)
- I thank You for protection. (Psalm 91)
- I thank You I have no worries, for I can cast all my cares on You, for You care for me. (1 Peter 5:7)

GREATER THINGS

1 Corinthians 3:6 says, “I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.” Watering the Word within us produces an increase. God will cause His word to grow within you and in turn your faith will grow as well. Be diligent with the watering and you will see greater things.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Now it’s time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

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Romans 10: 9-10 NKJV

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Colossians 1: 13 AMPC

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

1 John: 1:9-10 NKJV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Romans 8:1 NKJV

There is therefore now no condemnation

1 John 1:9 NKJV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 51:10 NKJV

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

1 Timothy 4:2 NKJV

speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron

Psalms 51:10 NKJV

And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

2 Timothy 2:26 NKJV

and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Titus 2:11-12 NIV

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

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Romans 10:6-7 NKJV

But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

Psalm 91:16 NKJV

With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.”

Deuteronomy 33:25 NKJV

...As your days, so shall your strength be

James 3:6 NKJV

And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

Romans 10:8 NKJV

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach)

Matthew 4:4 NKJV

‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’

Revelation 12:11 NKJV

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Ephesians 6:13-18 NKJV

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Revelation 1:16 NKJV

He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength.

Romans 10:17 NKJV

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Corinthians 3:6 KJV

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

Genesis 1:1-3 NKJV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

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Hebrews 3:1 NKJV

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak,

Numbers 14:24 NKJV

My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him

2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

1 Samuel 17:45-46 NKJV

..."You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.

Philemon 6 KJV

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.