Beyond Sunday A Sermon Application Guide Watering The Word (Four Confessions pt 2)

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

The word of faith is near us and in us.

When we hear God's word, seeds are planted within us. When we meditate on those words they are watered.

Jesus modeled victory by speaking God's word.

The first thing faith moves is our mouth.

When we acknowledge the good things of God we supercharge our faith.

We are to delight in the Word of God. Our delight is what we most gravitate to when we have free time.

The word of faith brings life.

Key Verses: Proverbs 4:20-23 • Joshua 1:8 • Matthew 4:4 • Philemon 1:6 • Mark 11:22-23

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

In the message this week we heard about how the wrong voices can cause wrong choices in our life. One of the best ways to find the source of our choices is by finding the belief that is behind the choice and where those beliefs are coming from.

What voices caused those beliefs?

As you go throughout the rest of your week, start to notice the choices that you're making and how you're responding to the situations around you. What voices are determining your choices?

If you would like to make this an even more effective time of lining up with faith then ask someone to do this with you. Support and encourage one another as you grow into the fullness of faith.

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.

The Lord is my Refuge and my Fortress. I choose to trust in Him.

Nothing will ever separate me from the love of God because I am in Jesus.

I have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony.

From the LORD comes deliverance and His blessing is on His people. His blessing is on me.

GREATER THINGS

Faith speaks. It longs to know and meditate on the goodness of God; it desires to see every situation how God sees it. Tough times wait to show His goodness and wisdom. Good times reflect His joy and peace. He can be known and shown in every situation because He is always there.

Don't wait to find out who He is. Build your relationship with Him daily by watering your faith. Faith grows by knowing the Word.

Ask the Holy Spirit how you can water your faith today and as you do 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.

Scripture References - The Watered Seed (Four Confessions pt. 2)

1 Corinthians 3:6 NKJV

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

Romans 10:9 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.

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...

Psalm 1:2b NKJV

...And in His law he meditates day and night.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night..

Romans 10:6-8 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). But what does it say? "The word is near you..

Mark 9:14-21 NKJV

And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" ¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

Mark 9:22 NMB

...But if you can do anything, have mercy on us and help us!

Mark 9:23 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

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):

Romans 10:17 NKJV

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

Matthew 4:4 NKJV

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Mark 4: 24 AMP

"Pay attention to what you hear. By your own standard of measurement [that is, to the extent that you study spiritual truth and apply godly wisdom] it will be measured to you [and you will be given even greater ability to respond]—and more will be given to you besides.

Proverbs 4:20 NKJV

My son, give attention to my words...

Proverbs 4:20 NKJV

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Psalms 1:2 NKJV

But his delight is in the law of the Lord...

Proverbs 4:20-23 NKJV

... Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth..

Romans 12:2 NKJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 6:2-17 NKJV

And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.³ You shall march around the city, all *you* men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.⁴ And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.⁵ It shall come to pass, when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him." ⁶ Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord."⁷ And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the Lord." ⁸ So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.⁹ The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets. ¹⁰ Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." ¹¹ So he had the ark of the Lord circle the city, going around *it* once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp. ¹² And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. ¹³ Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. ¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. ¹⁵ But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the

people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city! ¹⁷ Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, it and all who *are* in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

Genesis 31:32 NKJV

With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours and take *it* with you." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

Genesis 35:16-19 NKJV

Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored *in childbirth,* and she had hard labor. ¹⁷ Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear; you will have this son also." ¹⁸ And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹ So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that *is,* Bethlehem).

Proverb 18: 21 NKJV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:20 NKJV

A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Mark 11:21-23 NKJV

And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain..

Job 6:25 NKJV

How forceful are right words!

Philemon 6 NKJV

..that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night..

Psalms 107:2 NKJV

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..

Isaiah 59:21 NKJV

...My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

Isaiah 57:19 NKJV

I create the fruit of the lips..

Joel 3:10 NKJV "Let the weak say, 'I am strong.""

Job 22:28-29 NKJV

You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways. When they cast you down, and you say, 'Exaltation will come!' Then He will save the humble person.

Psalms 27:1 NKJV

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 91:2 NKJV

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

Romans 8:31 NKJV

What then shall we say to these things?

Hebrews 13:6 NKJV

So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper...

Revelation 12:11 NKJV

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...

Romans 10:8 NKJV

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"