

Beyond Sunday

A Sermon Application Guide

Simplified (The Indestructible Word 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

God's word and His kingdom are like a seed.

Key Concepts/Truths

No word of God is without the power or possibility of fulfillment.

Positioning our heart as good soil is important in receiving the most from His word.

We must plant Kingdom truths deep in our hearts to see a harvest.

Our hearts produce what we plant in them.

That seed must be watered daily through an active relationship with God.

Seeds don't produce a harvest right away - seeds need time to grow and mature.

Obedience to, and faith in, God's word causes growth in the seeds that are planted.

Key Verses: 1 Peter 1:23 • 1 Corinthians 3:6 • Hebrews 4:12 • Mark 4:26-29 • Genesis 1:12

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

Imagine your heart as a flower garden that needs tending. The ground needs to be tilled, weeds need to be pulled, and fertilizer must be spread before anything good can be planted. The potential for beauty, peace, and goodness is there but the ground must be prepared and properly cared for.

Without awareness and proper attention, our hearts can be filled with weeds and stones from the lies and fear that the world sows in us. However, it can also grow like a beautiful flower garden with warm and magnificent colors and perfumes.

Imagine wandering through a garden that has been carefully tended to for years with loving hands. It is restful, peaceful, comforting, and powerfully moving. A heart like that has been watered and tended to in the presence and Word of God for years. It cannot be planted and harvested overnight.

What is growing in your heart?

Are there stones and thistles sprouting up out of the fear spreading in our nation, or are buds beginning to bloom as you meditate on verses like:

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2 (NIV)

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. • Psalm 28:7 (NIV)

What would you like to harvest from your garden (heart)?

This Week's Declaration

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 have been born again with an imperishable seed that is through the living and abiding word of God.

Thank you, God, that you generously give wisdom if I ask. Father, I'm asking for the wisdom that I need for today. Christ is in me, the hope of glory.

The Holy Spirit dwells in me.

The knowledge of every good thing is in me through Jesus.

I'm rooted and grounded in Christ's love.

Greater Things

We are called to be a light in the darkness. Sowing the seed of God's word in us in the starting place for this. As we do this, our peaceful heart will be a source of comfort, stability, and beauty to those around us. This will show them the greater things of His kingdom and introduce them to the God they do not know.

Today, let's be a living example of the greater things of His kingdom.

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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Mark 4:26-29 NKJV

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

Mark 4:26-27 NKJV

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground...

Mark 4:14 NKJV

The sower sows the word.

Mark 4:27-29 NKJV

and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.

Colossians 1:13 NKJV

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

Colossians 1:13-14 TLB

For he has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son...

Colossians 1:13 JORDAN

It was the father who sprang us from the jailhouse of darkness, and turned us loose in the new world of his beloved son...

Luke 1:33-35 NKJV

And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Daniel 2:44-45 NKJV

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Matthew 6:10 NKJV

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

1 Peter 1:23 NKJV

..having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...

2 Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Genesis 8:22 NKJV

"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 NKJV

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

Hosea 4:6 NKJV

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...

Luke 1:37 AMP

For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

Luke 1:37 AMP

.. no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

Hebrews 4:12 CJB

See, the Word of God is alive!

Hebrews 4:12 Jordan

For God's word is alive with energy...

Hebrews 4:12 Knox

God's word to us is something alive, full of energy

Hebrews 4:12 Mofat

A living thing, active...

Hebrews 4:12 20thC

God's message is a living and active power.

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.

Mark 9:14-27 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." ¹⁹ He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 NKJV

..because your faith grows exceedingly...

Genesis 1:12-13 NKJV

And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Mark 4:26-27 NKJV

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.