Beyond Sunday

Hazardous Conditions

A Sermon Application Guide

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

Plugging into our true source.

Key Concepts/Truths

We are presented with many sources that look like they can continually fulfill us, but there is only one true source that can accomplish that.

As hazardous conditions arise in our lives, our connection to God is even more important. Our lack isn't an indicator of God's will.

The secret to seeing God's will being done is in our doing what He says.

Verses: John 15:4-10 • Genesis 1:6 • Ephesians 1:3

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 wading out into a river. The current seems gentle and easy to stand in on the shallow banks, but as you continue to walk, deeper and deeper, the current grows stronger. If you are left without any help, you will surely be swept away.

This year we have certainly walked deeper into life's currents. Through storms, fires, and diseases, much of the help that we rely on - information, experts, materialistic comforts - has been swept away. The worldly things that we used to gather our strength from have faded and left us struggling in the deep. Currents of persistent fear, constant new information, or false hopes come at us constantly. When we ground ourselves in these things we will be swept away with the river. But there is one Source that will never fail.

The Father is calling you closer to Him. He alone is your Source of help and strength on the gentle banks of the river and in the deep. With Him you can not only stand strong against worldly struggles that want to sweep you away, but you can fulfill the calling He has placed on your life.

Where do you draw your daily strength from?

Worldly sources may seem to support you well enough when life's current is smooth and easy, but what about the hazardous times? Choose to remain in Him, and He will remain in you. With Him as your source, you will enjoy the river of life and not be pulled under.

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.

Because I choose God as my source:

I am quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry.

I seek wisdom before I speak.

My words bring life and healing

I speak my words with kindness and love.

I am filled with the fruit of the spirit, with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

I don't have a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind.

I seek Him with all my heart and He reveals Himself to me.

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 Hazardous Conditions

Genesis 1:11 ESV

And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation...

Genesis 1:20 ESV

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures...

Genesis 1:26 ESV

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...

John 15:4 ESV

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 15:5 TPT

"I am the sprouting vine and you're my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless.

John 15:1 ESV

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Mark 5:21-34 ESV

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. **22** Then came one of the rulers of the

synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." **24** And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. 25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, **26** and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. 28 For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." **29** And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. **30** And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" **31** And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 And he looked around to see who had done it. **33** But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. **34** And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Mark 5:30-31 ESV

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Acts 5:15-16 ESV

so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. **16** The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Matthew 28:18-19 ESV

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore...

Ephesians 1:3 ESV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Numbers 14:28-31 ESV

Say to them, 'As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: **29** your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in

the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me, **30** not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. **31** But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected.

John 15:7 NKJV

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:10 NKJV

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love