

# Beyond Sunday

## Know Your Enemy

### 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 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

Keeping the Kingdom first keeps the enemy out of our homes.

#### KEY CONCEPTS/TRUTHS

The only place the devil should have in our lives is in our theology. We need to recognize that he is real, and so are his plans, but that is it.

We are often looking for someone else to face the enemy in our life, but God has given every believer all that they need to defeat him.

We have been taken out of the dominion of the enemy, and are now called to stand up and resist those things that steal, kill, and destroy.

In Matthew 28:18, Jesus says, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." He has given us His authority! That means that we have ALL authority in heaven and on earth! That is amazing!

Who we are is what we reproduce.

As believers, we are called to have purity of heart. We need to make sure that we are guarding our eye and ear “gates.” What are you listening to? What are you putting in front of your eyes? Is it honoring to God?

“I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.”

(Psalm 101:3)

**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

Music, television, and movies are powerful forms of entertainment, but in some contexts they can be far more than that. Have you ever listened to music, and suddenly you could feel your attitude begin to change in a positive or negative way?

Have you ever been watching a show or movie, and there comes a moment of high intensity and anxiety deep in your stomach? Yes, these feelings may be momentary and designed for entertainment purposes, but that’s not everything that is happening. The truth is that everything that we hear and see can have an effect on our mental, physical, and spiritual health. Not saying that we need to boycott movies or delete half of our music library, but we as believers know that there is a greater spiritual battle raging around us. We know that the Enemy will use any method possible to dim the light that God has given to us.

One of the best ways that he can pull our attention away is through what we consume. Whatever we put into our bodies through our ears and our eyes impact the course of our mind, body, and spirit. We, as believers, need to know where to draw a line for ourselves. Whenever you are about to step into a movie, turn on a television show, or start streaming music at work, ask yourself, ‘what type of fruit will this produce in my life?’

What will you choose to consume this week?

## 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 am a new creation in Jesus Christ and a child of God.

The enemy has no authority in my life and the chains that once held me are now broken through Jesus' blood.

Scripture is God breathed and holds Kingdom truth and promises for all who believe in Him. I choose to believe today and everyday.

The Word of God is truth whether I "feel" it all of the time or not! No matter what the situation looks like, no matter if I'm having a bad day or a good day, God is still good and His Word is still true. "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.' (Romans 1:17) I live by faith!

I guard my heart and renew my mind daily with the Word of God. "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." (Proverbs 4:23). I speak truth, I surround myself with godly relationships, I set my mind to godly thoughts, and I read the Word of God on a daily basis.

## GREATER THINGS STRENGTH & COURAGE FOR TOMORROW

In Isaiah we hear about the children that the Lord has given and how they are to be signs and wonders in Israel. We have been adopted into this same promise. We are called to be signs and wonders in every part of the world. As we recognize our authority, know what belongs to us, and guard our hearts, we will see more and more evidence of this in our lives.

You are a sign and a wonder to the world around you. Lord, we ask for more!

## 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

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#### **Malachi 2:15 NKJV**

But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit...

#### **1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

#### **Ephesians 4:27 NKJV**

nor give place to the devil.

#### **Ephesians 6:12 NKJV**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

#### **2 Corinthians 2:11 NKJV**

lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

#### **Deuteronomy 6:4-5 & 7 NKJV**

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. You shall teach them diligently

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:8 KJV**

... we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls...

#### **Matthew 6:33 NKJV**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

#### **Mark 4:19 NKJV**

and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

**Romans 12: 2 CEV**

Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

**1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV**

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**Luke 10:19 NKJV**

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**John 14:12 NKJV**

...the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

**Mark 5:25-34 NKJV**

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, **26** and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. **28** For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." **29** Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the [a]affliction. **30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" **31** But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " **32** And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. **33** But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came 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 affliction."

**Mark 16:17-18 NKJV**

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; ... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

**James 4:7 NKJV**

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**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 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 WUEST**

who delivered us out of the tyrannical rule of the darkness...

**John 10:10 NKJV**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

**Matthew 6:9-10 NKJV**

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **10** Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven

**Proverbs 4:23 NLT**

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

**Psalms 101:2 TLB**

I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.

**Hosea 4:11 NKJV**

"Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart.

**Ezekiel 23:14 & 16 NKJV**

But she increased her harlotry; She looked at men portrayed on the wall, Images of Chaldeans portrayed in vermilion, As soon as her eyes saw them, She lusted for them...

**Ecclesiastes 7:28 CEV**

but so far I have not been able to. I do know there is one good man in a thousand, but never have I found a good woman.

**Psalms 119:10 NKJV**

With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

**1 Timothy 4:1 NKJV**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...

**1 Corinthians 10:20 NKJV**

Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

**Psalms 106:37-38 NKJV**

They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood

**Isaiah 8:18 NKJV**

Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the Lord of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

**Isaiah 8:19 NKJV**

And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?

**Isaiah 8:20 NKJV**

To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

**Deuteronomy 18:9-12 NKJV**

9 "When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

**Deuteronomy 7:25-26 NKJV**

You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. 26 Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing.

**Acts 19:19 NKJV**

Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

**2 Timothy 3:8-9 NKJV**

Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.