

Beyond Sunday

A Sermon Application Guide

Truth

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

A disciples attitude toward knowing and doing the word of God.

Key Concepts/Truths

It's possible to have Jesus in your heart and not have His wisdom and principles in your head.

The Word should cause us to grow, act, and become more like Jesus.

When you are in the Word, you see yourself as God does.

You cannot know God apart from His Word.

The Holy Spirit gives you revelation knowledge as you meditate on the Word.

The foundation of a disciple's life is the Word of God.

The word of God allows you to stand strong when adversity comes.

Key Verses: Matthew 4:4, 7:28, 28:18-19 • Mark 13:31 • Isaiah 55:8-11 • 1 Thess. 2:13

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

Two men set out to build their houses. One man chose to build on a sturdy and trustworthy rock, and the other chose to build on the shifting sand. And over time, the rain beat against the houses, floods rose to the foundations, and winds tore at the walls. Throughout the seasons of trial, the house built on the rock stood firm, but the house on the sand fell.

As the trials came to the two men and their houses, the foundations of the houses were tested. The man who built his house on the rock was able to withstand the rain, floods, and winds because his foundation never moved—it was steady, unchanging, and true. But the house on the sand collapsed without a faithful and enduring foundation.

The Word of God is unchanging, never failing, and always true. When you build your life on His Word, you will be able to stand firm through all of the storms of life. Any other foundation will fail you—worldly ideas and systems, chasing success, or the approval of others. A sandy foundation moves and shifts with culture, mainstream media, politicians, or popular opinion, but the Word of God will never fail. It will never move, shake, or mislead. The Word will always point you to Him.

Have you ever considered why you do something? Why do you think a certain way? Why do you believe what you believe?

This week, take a look at the foundations that you have laid. Discover which of your “why’s” line up with God’s truth.

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 have been bought with a price, My life is no longer my own.

I live to please the Lord.

I am transformed daily into His image by renewing my mind with the Word.

I put to death the deeds and desire of the flesh choose to live according to the spirit.

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

My trust is in God and He fills me with His peace.

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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Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

Romans 1:17 NKJV

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Proverbs 19:3 NASB

The foolishness of man ruins his way, And his heart rages against the Lord.

Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the

rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

Matthew 4:4 NKJV

Man shall not live by bread alone

Mark 13:31 CSB

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 19:4-5 NKJV

And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh.

John 14:1-2 NKJV

Let not your heart be troubled

Isaiah 26:3 NKJV

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You

James 1:22-25 NKJV

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Hebrews 11:35-40 NKJV

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Isaiah 55:8-11 NKJV

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

1 Thes 2:13 NKJV

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

John 1:1 NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Hebrews 4:12 MSG

His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon’s scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God’s Word. We can’t get away from it—no matter what.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

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

Psalm 1:2 NKJV

And in His law he meditates day and night.

Mark 4:24 AMP

Then He said to them, “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.

Philemon 1:6 KJV

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

Isaiah 59:21 NKJV

“As for Me,” says the Lord, “this *is* My covenant with them: My Spirit who *is* upon you, and 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.”

Psalms 20:4 NIV

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.