

Beyond Sunday

Faith Is... (with Dan Seaborn)

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

Called to a higher level of faith.

Key Concepts/Truths

Faith is understanding that every situation, even a difficult one, is an opportunity to deepen in Christ.

Faith is the foundation on which we stand.

Whether things go our way or not, He is still God.

Time spent with God does not return void.

Key Verse: Hebrews 11:1-3

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

Did you play sports or maybe an instrument growing up? Do you remember when you were a beginner and the dedication and time that it took to progress your skills? Reaching the next level in the sport or instrument required effort, practice, and passion—maybe even some blood, sweat, and tears as well. Between the little league games and the Varsity teams are years of practice and developing the giftings that God has given you.

Developing your faith is similar. It is a gift that requires work and dedication to move to the next level that God is calling you to. By diving deeper into His Word and His heart, He will lead you into new places of faith!

How can we make this happen during this week? This is actually very simple and it comes with putting forth the effort and investing the time.

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 choose to give God the first fruits of my devotion, love, and time.
- I will keep God's word in my heart and meditate on it daily.
- I will follow Him into new levels of faith.

Greater Things

"God knoweth best what is needful for us, and all that He does is for our good. If we knew how much He loves us, we should always be ready to receive equally and with indifference from His Hand the sweet and the bitter: all would please that came from Him. The sorest afflictions never appear intolerable, except when we see them in the wrong light."

— Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*

God, as we invest the time with You this week we thank You that our faith will deepen. As our faith deepens and we see things according to Your light, thank You that we shall 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

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Hebrews 11:1 NKJV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:2-3 NKJV

This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:2 NKJV

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