

# Beyond Sunday

## Desires of the Heart, Vision pt 1

### 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

The importance of pursuing vision.

### Key Concepts/Truths

Without a destination in mind, you will revert to your past and what is comfortable.

You can succeed when no one believes in you, but you'll never succeed if you don't believe in yourself.

You'll never leave where you are until you know where you want to go and you'll never make it on the outside if you don't first go there on the inside.

Talent and intelligence do not make a person successful like God given vision and tenacity do.

Vision leaks onto others, and makes ordinary people live extraordinary lives.

Jesus was able to endure the cross because His vision was the resurrection.

The vision does not do the work, you have to do the work for the vision to come to pass.

Key Verses: Proverbs 29:18 • Proverbs 23:7 • Habakkuk 2:2-3 • Psalm 37:23

**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**

Real vision promotes action, but where do we start if we don't know what vision to have? When we realize that God has vision for us and we adopt his picture for our lives, we can receive purpose where we thought we had none, and even greater purpose where we've become complacent. God's vision for us includes the process that we take to get to its destination. The cost of that vision may seem great, but it will never outweigh the result of reaching its destination, the development, and maturity that come along the way.

God has a plan for each of our lives, to prosper us, to give us hope and a future. He has also empowered us to live that future out! Do you know God's vision for your life? Do you want more of it than you already have? Open his word, dig into what he's already said, and ask for what he's saying next. All it takes is an ask, a willingness to hear, and a decision to act on what is heard.

People may be destroyed for a lack of vision, but with God's vision in heart and mind we will live the life He has for us extraordinarily.

## **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 trust God and seek his vision for my life.
- I choose to seek God's vision over my own.
- I receive God's strength in my life to press on and walk out His vision for my life.
- I listen to and follow the Holy Spirit, and my steps are directed by the Lord.
- I live on purpose according to what God's vision has shown me.
- God, I thank you for trusting me with your vision, investing in me to do it, and for seeing the day that it all comes to pass.

## **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

## Desires of the Heart

### Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Hebrews 12:2-3 NKJV

He could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever.

### Philippians 2:9 NKJV

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name...

### John 21:3 NKJV

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

### Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Where there is no vision, the people perish...

### Genesis 15:5 NKJV

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

### Genesis 22:17 NKJV

blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

### Proverbs 23:7 NKJV

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

### 1 Samuel 17:27-33 NKJV

And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did. Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him. Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

**1 Samuel 17:34-36 NKJV**

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**Mark 11:24 KJV**

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

**Habakkuk 2:3 NKJV**

Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come...

**Habakkuk 2:2 NKJV**

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

**Romans 4:20 ESV**

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God...