

Beyond Sunday

Strong in Faith, Vision pt 2

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

Vision makes ordinary people live extraordinary lives.

Key Concepts/Truths

God will tell you His plan for you through His Word.

Keeping the vision in front of you will focus your efforts and give you tenacity.

Put a timeframe on accomplishing your vision.

Worse than not accomplishing your vision, is not having one to begin with.

Your focus is your direction.

When you spend time with God, you begin to see who He made you to be.

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 your life as a river. At times you are floating with the current and moving along, but other times you have to turn around and swim upstream because your purpose, dreams, and vision run against the currents of the world.

As believers we know that God has a purpose for each one of us and that following His plan takes courage and faith. And those plans are greater than we could hope or imagine for ourselves. His vision for you will always line up with His Word - He calls us to love God and love people. Any visions or plans that you want to accomplish will always include loving Him and His people.

This is sometimes against the current that the world follows. The world may encourage you not to obey God, not to love some people, or not to spread the gospel. But we need to keep His vision in front of us so that we do not just follow the current of the world and instead follow God's vision for our lives: love God and love people!

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 chosen by God
- I am adopted into God's family
- I am redeemed and Forgiven in Christ
- I am seated with Christ; far above every enemy
- Every Spiritual blessing is mine in Christ Jesus
- All of God's promises are for me in Christ Jesus

Greater Things

Take some time to identify your focus. Is it your kids, your job, comfort, success, security? What is driving you? If your focus has not been on seeking God and His Word, ask Him to show you how to shift your focus to Him.

As you do, you will see His greatness in your life.

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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Habakkuk 2:1 NIV

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

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.

Mark 11:24 KJV

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Revelation 7:9 NKJV

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Habakkuk 2:3 NKJV

For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

Habakkuk 2:4 NKJV

"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

Romans 1:17 NKJV

...from faith to faith.

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Genesis 12:1-3 NKJV

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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.

Romans 4:19-20 ESV

And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. **20** He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

2 Corinthians 3:18 NASB

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Mark 11:24 KJV

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

1 Samuel 17: 41-57 NKJV

So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield *went* before him. **42** And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *only* a youth, ruddy and good-looking. **43** So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. **44** And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" **45** Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **46** This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. **47** Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." **48** So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. **49** Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. **50** So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David. **51** Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. **52** Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. **53** Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. **54** And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. **55** When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son *is* this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." **56** So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man *is*." **57** Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV

For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

Philippians 4:8 KJV

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Matthew 12:34 MSG

"You have minds like a snake pit! How do you suppose what you say is worth anything when you are so foul-minded? It's your heart, not the dictionary, that gives meaning to your words."

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 54:17 NKJV

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness *is* from Me," Says the Lord.