

Beyond Sunday

Law of Faith (Complete Trust 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

Growing Your Faith

Key Concepts/Truths

Faith is complete trust and confidence in God, and we grow in it by hearing and experiencing God's word in our lives.

Just like a garden, our faith needs to be tended to in order to grow.

Growth in our faith doesn't occur by simply saying words and mentally agreeing with scripture.

Faith grows and is evident when we allow our spoken words to come out of deep belief in God's word from within our heart.

Our mind can tell us we are guilty, lacking, unworthy, and undeserving of anything from God, but salvation and everything it includes is given by grace through faith. We need to remind ourselves that we are covered by the blood of Jesus, we are a new creation, and we are the righteousness of God through Christ.

God has already provided us everything we need for life in Godliness. He isn't up in Heaven recording how bad we are to shove it back in our face when we ask for something by faith.

Faith is a spiritual law applying to everyone and is not based on works. When we act by that law of faith things will happen, we are made righteous, and we please God.

We will behave how we see ourselves. When we know that our identity is the righteousness of God in Christ, we will behave according to that justified perspective.

God spoke everything into existence, and in the same way, by faith, that is how we are to live and have dominion on the Earth, by the words that we speak.

Key Verses: 2 Thessalonians 1:3 • 1 Corinthians 3:6 • Mark 4:28 • Romans 3:28 • 2 Peter 1:3 • Psalm 89:34 • 138:2 Hebrews • 1:3 Matthew 28:19

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

God spoke everything into existence and in that same way we are to live and have dominion on the earth just as He declared it at creation. We don't have this invitation because of any works that we have done. We have an invitation because of what Jesus has done. He has given us His authority to speak His truth in our everyday lives and see the world transformed around us.

All of this is done by faith.

Faith requires growth, and it's so good that the Lord doesn't just leave us to fend for ourselves where we began. He has already provided everything that we need for life and Godliness and to grow in our faith, and He hasn't created us to do it alone. Jesus takes all of us along this journey of becoming His faith filled disciples, feeding our spirit as we let His truth take root in our hearts.

In John's gospel, Jesus asks Peter to feed his sheep. We were created to be fed, and that feeding results in growth. Take a moment to ask God, "How do you want to feed my faith today?" and follow where His Holy Spirit leads. He knows what you need and how to get you there. Trust Him.

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 believe and declare that I am the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus. God has given me everything I need for life in Godliness and I accept my God-given responsibility to speak from my faith. I rely on God's truth in His word as my source of truth and growth. I am saved by grace through faith and I have access to all of my Heavenly Father's benefits as His child. I love my Father, He loves me, and I value who He created me to be. I will use the authority that He has given me to speak by faith and see the world around me transformed for His Kingdom.

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.

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2 Thessalonians 1:3 NKJV

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

1 Corinthians 3:1 NKJV

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

James 2:19 NKJV

Even the demons believe—and tremble!

Romans 10:17 NKJV

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Corinthians 3:6 NKJV

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

Mark 4:28 NKJV

For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

James 2:26 NKJV

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Romans 3:27 NKJV

By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Mark 5:25-32 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 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.

Mark 5:28 TLV

For she kept saying, “If I touch even His clothes, I shall be healed.”

Philippians 2:7-8 NKJV

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

Mark 6:4 NET

A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown, and among his relatives...

2 Peter 1:3 NKJV

as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Romans 3:28 NKJV

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Romans 1:16 KJV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16 LOVETT

The Gospel reveals God's way of making men as righteous as Himself.

Romans 1:16 STEVENS

It reveals the way in which sinful men may be accepted before God and stand in His presence approved of and forgiven.

Psalms 138:2 NKJV

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Hebrews 1:3 NKJV

who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 1:3 AMP

The Son is the radiance *and* only expression of the glory of [our awesome] God [reflecting God's Shekinah glory, the Light-being, the brilliant light of the divine], and the exact representation *and* perfect imprint of His [Father's] essence, and upholding *and* maintaining *and* propelling all things [the entire physical and spiritual universe] by His powerful word [carrying the universe along to its predetermined goal]. When He [Himself and no other] had [by offering Himself on the cross as a sacrifice for sin] accomplished purification from sins *and* established our freedom from guilt, He sat down [revealing His completed work] at the right hand of the Majesty on high [revealing His Divine authority],

Hebrews 1:3 NIV

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Psalm 89:34 NKJV

My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

Genesis 1:1 & 3 & 26 NKJV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light...Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

Genesis 1:28 NKJV

Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...

Psalm 115:16 NKJV

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore...

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Luke 10:19-21 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.

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...

James 4:7 NKJV

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

1 John 3:19-21 NKJV

And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

Romans 3:20 NKJV

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

1 Peter 2:2 NKJV

as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

2 Thessalonians 1:3 NKJV

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

Mark 4:28 NKJV

For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

Matthew 17:14-21 NKJV

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, **15** “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. **16** So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” **17** Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” **18** And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. **19** Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” **20** So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. **21** However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Matthew 17:20 NKJV

So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak,

Mark 11:21-24 NKJV

And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” **22** So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. **23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.”

Romans 10:9-10 NKJV

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.