

## **Beyond Sunday**

### The Cross vs The Victory 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 Cross (Friday) paid for our sins, but The Resurrection (Sunday) brought newness of life.

### **Key Concepts/Truths**

God loves us where we are and loves us enough to take us on a journey with Him.

Your worst day following Jesus should be better than your best day without Him.

Jesus went through death, burial, and resurrection as our substitute.

God's plan, through Jesus, is to make dead things come alive.

The Resurrection is an invitation to a process of walking in a new life.

Key Verses: Romans 4:25 • 2 Corinthians 5:15-19 • John 10:10 • Romans 6:4 • Isaiah 61:1-3

**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**

Jesus arose from the dead to prove who He is. He proved that God can do what no man could do. Then He appeared to man to show even more of the Father's glory.

God is still making dead things come to life. Take this moment to watch Tiara's testimony again. God took dead things and made them alive in her life. This is something that is available for everyone.

Tiara's Story - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLlgsY2mTOM&feature=youtu.be>

As you go throughout the week, spend some time with God and ask about this. Ask Him if there is anything that He is wanting to make alive in you. What areas are needing a touch of life?

This is something that He can and will do for you. Just as Jesus revealed Himself after His death, God will reveal Himself in you as you come alive.

### **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 in Christ and Christ is in me.

I have the forgiveness of sins through Christ.

I have been justified by faith and I have peace with God through Jesus.

The love of God has been poured out into my heart.

I have been set free from the law of sin and death.

I have been raised from the dead to walk in newness of life.

My soul is being renewed day by day.

### **Greater Things**

Praise Him for His life and praise Him for His death because in His victory you were made free. We get to worship Him for all of eternity. Praise Him for His loving sacrifice that pulled you out of darkness and into the Kingdom of Heaven!

This type of praise and gratitude will open your eyes to the 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**

### **The Cross vs The Victory**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV**

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:19 TLB**

For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:15 NKJV**

...and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:6 NKJV**

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

#### **Revelation 1:18 NKJV**

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

#### **Romans 6:4 NKJV**

...even so we also should walk in newness of life.

#### **Philippians 3:10 NKJV**

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.

#### **Acts 22:8 TPT**

I am Jesus, the Victorious...

#### **Galatians 1:4 NKJV**

who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age.

#### **Acts 2:40 NKJV**

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

#### **John 10:10 NKJV**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

#### **Ephesians 1:20 TLB**

that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in heaven

**Luke 4:17-21 NKJV**

And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; **19** To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." **20** Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**John 21:3 NKJV**

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and [a] immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

**2 Corinthians 5:19 TLB**

For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out.

**Isaiah 61:3 NKJV**

To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

**Jeremiah 29:11 AMP**

For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you...to give you a future and a hope.

**Acts 2:40 NKJV**

Be saved from this perverse generation

**Isaiah 61:4 NKJV**

And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

**Romans 6:4 NKJV**

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.