

Beyond Sunday

Increase (Complete Trust pt 3)

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.

“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 & Prayer Focus

Growing Your Faith

“Father God, I take the time right now to allow you to search my heart, and to prepare my heart for the truth that you want to plant there. Thank you for the ears to hear and the eyes to see the truth that you have for me this week. Holy Spirit, I accept your guidance.

Thank you for the authority you've given me as your child, to speak your words of life and blessing over myself as well as the lives of others. I thank you that you hear my prayers, and that you are my source of life, freedom, and truth. I walk in your authority, live in your abundant life, and have great expectations of what your power will continue to do in me. In Jesus' name, I thank you and I praise you for who you are. Amen!”

Key Concepts & Truths

When we become a Christian, we are part of the Kingdom of God. Being part of that Kingdom means that we are in His army.

The things in life that we fight against are not people who think differently than us. We fight against unseen spirits, powers, and rulers of darkness. Our weapons are our position in Jesus, our beliefs and the words of our mouth.

God has given us both the authority and a mandate to do something about our problems. When we speak His word and use His name, we overcome.

Some of the “weapons formed against us” are words that are spoken. We need to condemn those words and not give away our authority to them.

Blessings and curses come in the form of words, but God's Word in our mouth is the final word.

The faith that we begin with is not enough to take us to our destiny and everything God has planned for us. He will never have a plan for our life that does not include faith. Feeding our spirit with the Word of God causes it to grow.

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.

Daily Application

The amount of blessing, spiritual formation, and Godly change we can experience in our lives is directly connected to our meditation on God's word. Focusing on His truth with both our head and our heart will have us naturally walking out that truth. Having God's Word so deeply rooted in our lives shows us who He created us to be. The result is that the blessing and power to overcome display themselves naturally from our identity instead of from a place of our own willpower and desire to do good. Ultimately, it is from our identity as a child of God that we have the ability and authority to take the fight to the devil and his schemes. Why wouldn't we want that?

As we grow, we're countlessly told things like "garbage in, garbage out" which certainly highlights the need to be aware of what we are consuming, but it really is true that what we plant in our lives will grow. Jesus came, preached the Kingdom, and died for our sins to set us free and redeem us to our Father in order to show us that we no longer have to plant those seeds of depression, anxiety, and fear in our lives. There's a better way of living. He came so that we can choose to plant the seeds of His Word, reaping every promise that He has for us and to show others how to do the same.

Take some time to ask the Holy Spirit how you can tend to the things that are planted in your heart. The growth that you'll experience will be absolutely transformational.

This Week's Declarations

As a believer in God and a disciple of Christ, I am a member of God's family, His Kingdom, and His army. This is my identity.

I am worthy to receive all of the promises that God has in His Word.

I recognize the way to receive those promises is through the learning and meditation of His Word, allowing them to be planted deep in my heart.

I recognize the key to growing my faith is the continual watering of it through meditation, and I expect great growth as I do so.

I take the authority given to me by God's word, join it with my faith, and receive everything that God has for me.

I use power and authority to trample on the devil and his schemes, to combat spirits, powers, and worldly darkness in order to advance the Kingdom of God.

I know that God's word in my mouth is the final word, and I thank and praise God for it.

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 Increase (Complete Trust pt.3)

1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Matthew 11:12 NKJV

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12 NTE

From the time of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has been forcing its way in – and the men of force are trying to grab it!

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Matthew 4:4 NKJV

But He answered and said, "It is written..."

Romans 10:8 NKJV

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Luke 10:19 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.

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,

Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

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 Peter 2:2 NKJV

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

Matthew 4:4 NKJV

...‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”

Mark 4:31-32 NKJV

It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.

Mark 4:26 KJV

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

1 Peter 1:23 NKJV

having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

Mark 4:26-28 KJV

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Mark 4:28 KJV

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Mark 4:24 AMPC

And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you...

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it...

Numbers 13:27-33 NKJV

Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit. **28** Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. **29** The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." **30** Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." **31** But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we." **32** And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature. **33** There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like[c] grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

...shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it...

Mark 16:15-17 NKJV

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ... for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Genesis 11:6 KJV

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

1 Chronicles 29:18 KJV

O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

1 Chronicles 29:18 KJV ...and prepare their heart unto thee:

2 Chronicles 12:14 KJV And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord.

Ezra 7:10 NKJV

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Isaiah 26:3 NKJV

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Mark 5:25-34 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 [a]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. **33** But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. **34** And He said to

her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

John 14:12 NKJV

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Ephessians 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,

Mark 4:24 AMPC

...The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you...

Mark 16:18 NKJV

...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

2 Corinthians 10:4 NKJV

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

Ecclesiastes 8:8 NKJV

...There is no release from that war...

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV

... the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJ21

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ,

Isaiah 53:1 NKJV

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 Corinthians 10:5 NABRE

...and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ,