

Beyond Sunday

Authority (Complete Trust pt 7)

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.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Growing Your Faith

“Father God, thank you for giving me your Word to plant in my heart. Thank you that it will grow my faith, producing your love, peace, and joy in my life. Give me ears to hear and eyes to see all that you have for me this week, Lord, and reveal more of your truth as I meditate on it. I love you, God. I want to see more of your Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven. I am willing to do my part in making that happen, in Jesus' name. Amen!”

Key Concepts/Truths

Once we have faith, it's important that we keep it alive and fed.

If we don't steward our faith, it will begin to atrophy like a muscle.

The things that we set before us and give focus to will reproduce in our lives; good or bad. The seeds that we plant in our lives are what will grow automatically and give us exactly what we planted.

In order to keep the field of our heart properly, we need to take measures against pests and thieves that would harm what is growing there. When it comes to the devil and his schemes we have been given authority to trample on him, but he will only flee when we actively resist him standing firm in our faith. When we are in faith, we have joy and peace.

Being a Christian is not about only going to heaven, it is about proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven and spreading it here on Earth now.

As followers of God it is our responsibility to love God, love righteousness, and hate lawlessness.

A thing is right when God says it is right, and it is wrong when God says it is wrong. He has the final word. Simply feeling good about something can never justify it as a good thing.

Meditating on God's word is necessary to let it establish deep roots in our hearts. Doing so, it will grow our faith, make our way prosperous and give us good success.

Key Verses:

Romans 10:17 • Mark 4:28 • 1 Peter 5:8-9 • Mark 6:13 • Mark 1:23-27 • Luke 10:19 • Psalm 97:10 • Proverbs 8:13 • Hebrews 1:9 • Revelation 2:20 • Joshua 1:8 • Mark 4:24

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

Just as some seeds are best planted regionally and prefer particular climates, so is the planting of God's word in our lives. When we have a need, are discouraged in some way, or experience an attack of the enemy we need to be planting the right kind of seed. When we lack faith in our lives, are tempted with lust, or experience the devil's attacks, we should tune in to what God has said about those things and plant those seeds in our heart to receive God's promises for our lives in that particular area.

When a crop fails or struggles to grow, the farmer doesn't skip tending to it hoping that it miraculously does better. The farmer is meticulous and careful about planting the right seeds and giving the right remedy to what has been planted. All the same, there are intentional things that we can also do to properly plant what is in our hearts, letting God grow it into what He has promised us.

Take a moment to close your eyes and reflect on the last week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the field of your heart and what is planted there.
- Ask Him if there is anything planted there that doesn't belong.
- Now, ask Him what should be planted there in place of what is being removed.

Thank Him for the truth that He's revealed to you, and begin to search through God's Word for what He says about those things that you are now planting in your heart. If we can repeat this process of tending to our heart as often as we can, we'll experience the life that God has for us together.

This Week's Declarations

I tend to the Word that God has spoken to me and I steward it well.

I intentionally plant faith, peace, joy, and a love for righteousness in my heart by meditating on God's word concerning those things.

I actively tend to the field of my heart and take no vacations from God.

The Holy Spirit leads and guides me into all truth, and I do something about it, following what He says. In doing so, I bring the Kingdom of God to a greater level in the world around me.

By the power and authority given to me through Jesus' finished work I trample on the devil and his schemes to steal what the Lord has promised me. In everything, I say, 'Devil, NO! Jesus, yes.'

I accept the responsibility to tend to my heart and water my faith for it to grow, and as I do, I will experience all the life and salvation that God has for me in Jesus' name.

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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Mark 4:26 NKJV

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground...

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 12:33 NKJV

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

Mark 4:28 NKJV

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1 Corinthians 3:6 NKJV

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

EPHESIANS 4:27 NKJV

nor give place to the devil.

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.

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.

Mark 6:13 NIV

They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Mark 1:23-27 NKJV

Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" But Jesus reb

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.

Psalms 78:41 NKJV

Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 NKJV

Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.

2 Timothy 2:26 NKJV

...and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Matthew 23:37 NKJV

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

1 Timothy 2:4 NKJV

who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Psalms 97:10 NKJV

You who love the Lord, hate evil!

Proverbs 8:13 NKJV

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil...

Hebrews 1:9 NKJV

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness...

Revelation 2:20 AMP

But I have this [charge] against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and she teaches and misleads My bond-servants so that they commit [acts of sexual] immorality and eat

2 Timothy 2:26 NKJV

...and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Acts 10:38 NKJV

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Hebrews 1:3 KJV ...the express image of his person...

2 Corinthians 5:19 NKJV REF**Joshua 1:8 NKJV**

This Book of the Law 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. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good

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—and more [besides] will be given to you who hea

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,

Romans 15:13 ESV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Philippians 1:25 NKJV

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith...