

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

Desire Before Destiny (Words of Power 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.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Speaking in Faith

Father, thank you for giving me the authority to speak your Word over my life. I know that as I do I will receive every promise that you have for me. Thank you for a heart that desires your Word. Help me to sense how you're moving according to your Word so that I can partner with what you're doing in the world around me, in Jesus' name. Amen!

Key Concepts/Truths

Faith is activated from our heart and through our mouth.

Getting the Word of God down into our hearts allows us to trust, but speaking His Word will have us realize every promise that He has for us.

The door to God's provision in our lives hangs on two hinges: believing and speaking. Keep speaking God's Word over your life. His promises are for you.

God's word comes alive on the inside of us and grows our faith when we meditate on it.

According to behavioral psychologists, as much as 70% of self-talk is negative. It can take as many as 20 positive statements about ourselves to counteract one negative personal declaration.

We magnify God when we thank Him.

It's important to know where to turn in scripture to see what God's Word says about our life. There is deliverance, success, peace, and provision in His Word, but we need to find it to know it.

When we know what God says about us in His Word we can believe it, speak it, follow it, and it will reproduce itself in our lives.

God wants us to continue speaking His Word and agreeing with it. As we do, showing our families and others how to do the same, we will see God's Word living, active, and benefiting generations.

As we spend time in God's Word and confessing it over our lives continually, that Word begins to burn inside our heart and comes alive. It changes the way we talk, our attitude, and how we live our lives.

Key Verses:

Romans 10:8 • Luke 4:16-21 • 2 Corinthians 1:20 • Jeremiah 1:4-9 • Isaiah 57:19 • Isaiah 59:21 • Galatians 6:9 • Romans 4:20 • Psalm 69:30

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

Starting is the hardest part of any new thing. Even when we can see clear steps laid out for us, starting down a new path or into a new routine can seem uncomfortable and there can be a fear that locks us in place. We long for great things yet, as humans, we instinctively crave the familiar.

How many times does that familiar routine keep us right where we are?

When we are feeling defeated, weak, broken, or empty, we don't have to stay in that mindset when we are in Christ! When we know what God says about us and the circumstances we face, we can speak His words over our lives and rest assured that He will provide all that we need.

Dedicate some time going through the declarations below and really speak them over your life.

If there is something else you find yourself facing, dig into what God says about it and just start speaking His same words. Though the hardest step is often the first step, God is with us even there in the beginning. He says that He will never leave us or even turn His heart away from us, and that is good news.

Find a verse here, or let the Holy Spirit lead you through a passage of scripture that He wants to. Meditate on it, simply begin repeating it back to Him, and declare it to yourself and over your life. God will make good on His promises to you.

This Week's Declarations

I speak God's Word over my life and I receive every promise that He has for me.

God is giving me the desires of my heart and making all of my plans succeed as it says in Psalm 37:4-5.

God is supplying all my needs according to His riches and glory as it says in Philippians 4:19.

I trust in the Lord with all my heart, lean not on my own understanding, acknowledge Him in all my ways, and He is making my paths straight as it says in Proverbs 3:5-6.

I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might as it says in Ephesians 6:10.

I bless the Lord, for He is good, and His mercies endure forever as it says in Psalm 136:1.

As I continue to confess God's Word, it burns hot inside my heart, it comes alive, and I will see it come to pass 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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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):

Romans 10:9 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.

Colossians 2:6 NKJV

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him...

Luke 4:16-21 NKJV

And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 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; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." 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. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Hebrews 4:2 NKJV

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Proverbs 4:22 NKJV

For they are life to those who find them...

Psalms 39:3 NKJV

My heart was hot within me; While I was musing, the fire burned. Then I spoke with my tongue...

Ephesians 6:17 NKJV

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

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.

2 Peter 1:4 NKJV

...by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises...

Jeremiah 1:4-9 NKJV

Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Then said I: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." But the Lord said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the Lord. Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

Isaiah 57:19 NKJV

"I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the Lord, "And I will heal him."

Isaiah 59:21 NKJV

"...My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

Isaiah 6:5 NKJV

So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

Galatians 6:9 NKJV

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Joshua 1:8 KJV

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night...

Romans 4:20 NKJV

He did not waver at the promise of God...

Psalms 69:30 NKJV

I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Revelation 19:10 NKJV

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.