

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

Follow Suit

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 importance of natural and spiritual fathers.

Key Concepts/Truths

There are three types of fathers: natural, spiritual and our heavenly Father.

We have many instructors and teachers available to us, but we also need spiritual fathers.

There is an abundantly growing amount of information available today. However, relationships are not growing along with it.

Allow God to heal your heart wounds.

For a lot of people, the way we will see our heavenly Father is based on the way we relate to our earthly fathers.

It's just as important to be a spiritual father as it is to be fathered ourselves. We're called to be a disciple and to make disciples.

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

During the message, Pastor gave us 4 practical ways to engage with God's plan for healthy father relationships:

1. Allow God to heal any father wounds

2. Forgive and honor our earthly fathers

3. Find a father and be a father

- God designed a father relationship for growth, good, connection and impartation. How can we apply this and who can we seek out to see this as a part of your everyday life?

4. Relate to God as father

- God is love, He wants to lift us up, help us, be an encouragement to us, warn us, and guide us. This is the true and purest form of a genuine heart of the Father.

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 loved by God.

I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

I am made on purpose with purpose.

I am loved by God No matter what mistakes I have made.

God will never leave me or forsake me.

God has good plans for me.

God chose to adopt me into his family on purpose.

God sees me in Christ.

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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2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,...

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for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 MSG

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

1 Corinthians 4:14 NIV

I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children.

1 Corinthians 4:15 NKJV

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

1 Corinthians 4:16 NKJV

Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 MEV

Follow me as I follow Christ.

Hebrews 13:7 NKJV

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

2 Timothy 2:2 NKJV

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

1 Corinthians 4:15 NKJV

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Malachi 4:6 NKJV

And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Luke 4:18 NKJV

“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;

Psalm 31:12 NKJV

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel.

Proverbs 30:21-23 ESV

Under three things the earth trembles; under four it cannot bear up: a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is filled with food; an unloved woman when she gets a husband, and a maidservant when she displaces her mistress.

John 17:23 NKJV

in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Mark 12:30-31 NKJV

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Luke 4:18 NKJV

“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;

Matthew 3:17 KJV

...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Forgive and Honor your Earthly Father to receive the blessing and impartation that God wants you to receive

Exodus 20:12 NKJV

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Psalm 68:5-6 NKJV

A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

Matthew 3:17 KJV

And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

John 17:23 NKJV

I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

James 1:7 NKJV

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.