

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

Answer the Call (Bishop E. W. Jackson)

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

Answer the Call

"Father, thank you for your call on my life. Thank you for creating me, loving me, and showing me who I am. Thank you for giving me everything that I need to stand in your truth. Give me a greater love for your Word that I might see and hear what you are saying to me each moment of my life. I love you, I praise you, and I give you all the glory, in Jesus' name. Amen!"

Key Concepts/Truths

God made us who we are, gave us what we have, brought us where we are, teaches us, saves us, and redeems us.

Our own worthiness was nothing until God called us out of darkness, making us worthy in His sight.

The Bible is the absolute infallible Word of God from the first verse to the last and is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Regardless of nationality or ethnic group, we are not where we are by accident.

According to Acts 17:26, God has appointed us to be wherever we are and has used the circumstances of time to make it possible.

Since God has appointed us to these times, He has also equipped us with the means to do all that He has called us to do.

There is a calling on our lives as the body of Christ for this time, to come together, and lead the way for the world to see God. We can not let the devil divide us in order to prevent the level of Godly leadership that the world needs to see.

If our calling was important enough for God to give, it is important enough for us to answer.

Jesus came to have people truly see, be set free, and to proclaim His Father. He then gave us that same authority to go into the world in the same way. We have been invited to represent Him on the Earth. Don't let the devil divide and distract.

The world does not have many different or individual problems, it has a sin problem which is a condition of the heart.

Looking at the flesh does not produce life. Looking at the spirit is God's original design and intent.

Personal appearance and differences exist, but we can not forget that our fight is not against each other. It is against principalities, powers, rulers, and spiritual darkness.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and it is His Word that will last forever, not the flavor of the week in the rest of the world. Having a kingdom world view keeps us rooted in truth.

It's up to us as Christians to stand up for what God has given us, walk in who He made us, and do what He has called us to do for His glory.

Key Verses:

Isaiah 6:1-8 • Acts 17:26 • Isaiah 61:1-4 • Romans 3:23 • Ephesians 6:12 •
2 Corinthians 5:16-19

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

God has created each of us with such beautiful gifts, variations, and differences, and calls us to live together in unity. Jesus said in John 17:20 that His prayer for us is that we would be one even as He and the Father are one. God longs for a depth and closeness in relationship from us to Himself, but He also desires that we have that same depth in relationship with each other. God wouldn't call us into something that He hasn't also equipped us for.

Sometimes it can be easy to find ourselves caught up in preference, how we feel about a person, or how someone says we should feel, rather than looking at the spirit of the person or

situation. We should use God's Word as the source of authority on the matter. We forget that our fight is not against people and we look to movements or "wise" worldly sayings to determine our course of action instead of every word that comes from the mouth of God. God gave us His Word and is still speaking today, but anything done apart from His Word and His way can't give the life we are truly seeking, even if the way seems right to us.

In order to approach people and situations from a Godly perspective, we need to renew our minds with His Words to see things the way that God does. Let's daily engage Him in prayer and speak with Him to properly hear what He has to say in our specific situations.

Take a moment and ask God to search your heart and show you if there is anything that you're seeing from your perspective and not His. Ask Him to show you how you can apply His Word to that situation to receive the life that He has for you in it. As He shows you what is on His heart, thank Him for also putting it on your heart, and ask how you can begin to walk out that truth in the unique way that He has made and gifted you.

This Week's Declaration

"I believe that the Word of God stands true, and is the ultimate source of truth, in the world today. I cling to every Word in it and every Word that He speaks to my spirit. I thank God for ears to hear and eyes to see His beauty and His truth in the world around me. I choose today to love people in a new way, with the love of God, which brings life and binds us together in unity. I reject the broken and failing systems that would try to replace God's Word as the solution to the problem of the world. I love God, and I love people. I choose to be marked by having God's love for others, and to listen and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance into all truth that He has for me today, and for the rest of my life 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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Isaiah 6:8 NIV

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Acts 17:26 NKJV

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Isaiah 61:1-4 NKJV

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 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.” 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.

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.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:16 KJV

...henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Matthew 19:4 NKJV REF

And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’

John 14:6 NKJV

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Matthew 24:35 NIV

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

John 8:32 ERV

You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”