

# **Beyond Sunday with Scripture Reference**

## **Light Out Of Darkness**

### 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**

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*“Father, I thank you for your love and your hand of favor on my life. Thank you for your Word which is true and trustworthy. Lead me through the truth you have for me in this message. Open my eyes, ears, and heart to receive all that you have for me, in Jesus’ name. Amen!”*

#### **Key Concepts/Truths**

God’s calendar day starts in the dark until He brings the morning. It’s ok to be in a dark time, because God will bring us out of that darkness and into the light.

As Christians, sometimes we think that everything is going to be bright and happy all the time without realizing that there are dark times, rains, and winds that will be had in life. We grow in times of distress. Hard times produce perseverance, character, hope, and what we need.

Moses lived in the desert as God was preparing and developing Him, bringing trust and faith into His life. Moses received the maturation that he needed from God during that time to lead the Israelites out of captivity and toward the promised land.

Esther was an orphan in a foreign country where her people were oppressed and forced into servitude by its king. God shone His light on her, she had great favor, became the queen of that nation, and delivered her people from the devil’s evil scheme.

Joseph was sold by his brothers into slavery at 17 years old. His master’s wife accused him of attempted rape and he was thrown in a dungeon. God’s light was shown on Joseph and he went from prisoner to Prime Minister of the most powerful nation on earth overnight. God had given him wisdom and favor.

King Hezekiah was sick and headed toward death. He wept, called on the name of the Lord, and the Lord prophesied to him through the prophet Isaiah that he would be healed, given more years to live, and that he and his people would be delivered from the enemy king of Assyria.

There is no such thing as untested faith. We need to act on our faith, stand up, resist the devil, and intentionally participate in the Kingdom. Our best days are still to come.

The circumstances that you face today can be completely changed the next day. God can get you anywhere in 24 hours. The same winds and floods beat against all of our lives, but if we build our life on Jesus we will stand through it all.

The same God that lifts us up, restores our soul, and blesses us in the light is with us in the darkness of the valley. Just because we don't see God's results doesn't mean He isn't moving.

Key Verses:

Genesis 1:5 • Psalms 4:1 • Psalms 23:1-6 • Psalms 30:5 • Psalms 34:19 • Psalms 68:20 • Matthew 7:24-27 • Matthew 11:12 • 2 Kings 20:1-6 • Romans 5:3-4 • Daniel 3:15-29 • Daniel 6:20-21 • Daniel 6:27 • 2 Timothy 2:24-26 • Isaiah 61:3-7 • 1 Samuel 30:1-8 • 1 Samuel 17-20

### **Daily Application**

As long as we're alive, we can expect some sort of trouble to show itself. Sometimes the situations we face may even seem insurmountable. However, we know that we have a God who sees, loves, and delivers us from all of our trouble. We need to follow His word, act on faith, and wait patiently on Him. Patience is less about the physical act of waiting, and much more about how we wait. God is good, and His morning brings joy along with it.

So what is our response in faith, attitude, and action when trouble arises? Do we react from a victim mentality and in sorrow? Are we patiently aware of what God is producing on the inside of us during the valley that we're in? His perseverance produces endurance in us, matures us, and strengthens us to be the person that He has created and called us to be. In whatever situation you face today, ask God what He is producing in you in the midst of those circumstances and to lead you into more of what He has for you. That's how He turns it all for the good of those that love Him. He is for you. He is always speaking. What is He saying to you today?

### **This Week's Declarations**

"No person, bad break, injustice, nor circumstance determines my destiny. The Lord determines my path. Though I walk through the valley, I won't be afraid because I know that my God is with me. My God will pull me through the night and give me joy in the morning. He shines His light on me and I trust in Him. I let perseverance finish its work in me, maturing me, growing me into who God has called me to be, 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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#### **Psalm 34:19 NKJV**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

#### **Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV**

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

#### **2 Kings 20:1-6 NKJV**

In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’ ” Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.” ’ ”

#### **Psalm 23:1-6 NKJV**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

#### **Psalm 4:1 BRG**

...enlarged me when I was in distress...

#### **Romans 5:3-4 NKJV**

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

#### **Daniel 6:20-22 & 27 NKJV**

And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! My

God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

### **Daniel 3:15-17 & 25 NKJV**

And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

### **Daniel 3:29 NKJV**

...because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

### **Psalms 68:20 NKJV**

Our God is the God of salvation; And to God the Lord belong escapes from death.

### **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.

### **Isaiah 61:7 NKJV**

Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

### **Isaiah 61:3 NKJV**

...To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning...

### **Psalms 30:5 NKJV**

Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

### **John 16:33 NKJV**

In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

### **1 Samuel 30:1-8 NKJV**

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for

his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

**1 Samuel 30:19-20 NKJV**

And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all. Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil."

**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.