

Beyond Sunday with Scripture Reference

The Forgotten Weapon 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

The Forgotten Weapon

"Father God, I love you and I thank you for your good nature. You are so gracious to me and my family. Through this holiday season I pray that you'd strengthen me to speak and reflect your promises and faithfulness. May the words I say bring peace and life to my heart, my family, and those around me, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Key Concepts/Truths

Tools are used either to build or destroy, but the more powerful the tool is, the more important the rules are to be able to handle it. Ignoring those rules will result in danger, and we must be diligent not to become so familiar with things that we stop giving them respect.

Words can be more powerful than we realize. God created the world by simply speaking, which shows the immense power that words carry. If we speak harshly or say something unintended, we can apologize, but that can't take away the damage that may have been caused.

We weren't just made in the image of God, but also in His likeness. We were made to reflect Him, and one attribute He made us to share was powerful words and the ability to speak things into existence. If we're not careful, we can end up looking at our past while talking about our future and end up with that past repeating itself.

In the book of Numbers the Bible talks about the Israelites complaining about their past and their present circumstances on their way to the promised land. Two million of them complained while only two of them spoke God's promises. God gave each group exactly what they spoke resulting in only two of them making it to the promised land.

We all plant seeds with our words, but it is for us to determine what kind of seeds we are planting based on the words we say. Our tongue is the paintbrush of our heart, and what we paint with our words creates a lens we look through which will determine how we see our life.

Key Verses:

Proverbs 12:18 • Proverbs 18:21 • Genesis 1:26 • Numbers 14:27-28 • James 3:3-5

Daily Applications

What if God gave us all the things we have been speaking? Would we enjoy what we receive? If God gave us all the things we speak over ourselves, what words of ours would we change? It is so important for us to continue to speak where we are going and not where we have been, making sure to plant good seeds and not just focus on seeds that produce instant crops. Good things take time, attention, and patience.

Speaking God's promises over the specific things in our lives is a great place to start in order to make sure we are saying the life-giving words that God intends for us to say. This can be as simple as making a list of God's promises, and reading them daily. Then, when troubles come, it will be God's promises that come to mind. When our hearts and minds are focused on the goodness that God desires for us, we'll be able to see that future come to pass.

This Week's Declaration

"I am a child of God and I do not have a spirit of fear, but one of power and love and a sound mind. The same power that raised Christ from the dead, lives in me. I am more than a conqueror through Christ, who loves me. I am the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus. God is my healer and redeemer, and no weapon formed against me shall prosper. I resist the devil and he flees from me. My prayers are powerful and effective. I cast my cares on God because I know that He cares for me. I choose prayer over fear, and I bring my requests with thanksgiving to God who gives me His peace 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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Proverbs 12:18 NIV84

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Genesis 1:26 ESV

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Proverbs 18:21 ESV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Numbers 14:2 ESV

And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

Num 14:27-28 ESV

"How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me. Say to them, 'As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you:

1 Samuel 3:19 ESV

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

James 3:3-5 ESV

If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

Mark 11:23 NKJV

"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Matthew 12:34 NKJV

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Proverbs 4:23 JUB

Above all else, guard thy heart; for out of it flows the issues of life.