

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

Endurance (Valleys and Peaks pt 1)

A Sermon Application Guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with this week's program. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Facing Storms - Part 1

"Father God, we are humbled, grateful, and so blessed to be known by you and to have the opportunity and freedom of pursuing you. Let us be a blessing to the people around us and give us words when it comes to tough circumstances. You have modeled perfect love so well, help us learn better ways of spreading that to the people within our reach. God, we long to grow closer to you while bringing your kingdom to earth in Jesus' name. Amen."

Key Concepts/Truths

The way we walk in love and live life by faith brings strength into our life. This strength from God allows us to be effective in His Kingdom to bring Heaven to Earth.

Jesus never told us that life would be easy or simple. In fact, He told us that the person who is hearing the word and doing the will of God will have troubling times. Life won't automatically be easy for us, but listening, obeying, and doing things God's way will bless and strengthen us to continue.

One of the greatest privileges we have as Christians is living life for God's Kingdom in spite of the persecution or issues that we face. We tend to think that people of God should just go through life without any problems, but we need to be aware that when we do the will of God it can sometimes be uncomfortable for the world around us to witness.

We are all called to do the right thing, live by faith, and to sometimes be persecuted and suffer for it. The culture of the world and the culture of the Kingdom are so different from each other. When we live by the culture of the kingdom of God the culture of this world is going to reject it.

The devil likes to tell us that we are the only ones dealing with an issue and that we are all alone. He lies to us that we don't fit, that we are misunderstood, or not good enough. Jesus tells us "do not let your hearts be troubled." He reminds us not to let our emotions run our lives. It's so important to hear what God has to say about us, and continually remind our hearts that we believe what He says.

It is our ultimate goal that God's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. That is what we fight and suffer for!

Key Verses:

Matthew 7:24 • Hebrews 11:35-40 • 1 Peter 1:6 • 1 Peter 2:19-25 • 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Daily Application

Walking in victory starts with knowing who we are and what belongs to us. God's Word and the things He speaks to us introduce us to those things. It's the only place we can reliably find them. We need to dig through and find the things in His Word that speak to us, tell us who we are, and begin to speak and repeat those words to ourselves everyday.

Today, even right now, set some time aside to look up scripture where it talks about who you are and begin to say it out loud to yourself once, twice, and three times. Let who God says you are become louder than what the world says. Realize the victory you hold can change your life and radiate from you to bring God's Kingdom everywhere you go simply by being there.

This Week's Declarations

"God, what the world says about who I am holds nothing to what you say about me. I will walk in faith, believing that victory you fought for was indeed for me. I am saved, I am a new creation, I am your precious child, and I am worth your time and attention. God, thank you for choosing me, blessing me, and strengthening me to continue living life Kingdom-minded, for your sake, and not for my own. Lord, may your Kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

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.

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1 Peter 1:6-7 NKJV

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

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."

Proverbs 10:29 NKJV

The way of the Lord is strength for the upright...

Psalm 105:17-19 NKJV

He sent a man before them— Joseph—who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the Lord tested him.

Acts 5:41 NKJV

So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

2 Timothy 3:12 NKJV

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Matthew 5:10-12 NKJV

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hebrews 11:35-40 NKJV

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

1 Peter 2:19-23 NKJV

For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called...

John 3:3 NKJV

"... unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1 Peter 2:21 NKJV

...because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Romans 8:35-37 NKJV

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

John 14:1 NKJV

"Let not your heart be troubled...

1 John 3:19 NKJV

And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

Philemon 6-8 KJV

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

1 John 5:4 KJV

...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.