

# **Beyond Sunday with Scripture References**

## **Living Sacrifice (Victorious Life pt 1)**

### **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 and Prayer Focus**

Facing Storms Pt 4: Turn Towards Him

*"God, renew in me the ability to say no when temptation comes. Remind me in each low moment to look to you and not out to the rest of the world. God, I thank you for your mercy and grace each time I approach you with my mistakes. Help me to be more intentional in walking in a kingdom mindset, abandoning a worldly mindset, and turning to you in everything I do. I love you, Lord. Amen."*

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

When we become a Christian, God saves our souls, but we still need to be diligent not to let our bodies fall into temptation. This requires us to actually do something with our bodies, presenting them to God as living sacrifices as it says in Romans 12.

There is no victorious Christian life without us giving our whole selves to God as a conscious daily choice. God puts his spirit inside of us, we renew our mind with the word of God, and then we present our bodies as a living sacrifice. As a daily act of worship to God, we tell Him, "I give you my body, and I am choosing to use it for your purposes and for your kingdom."

When we change the way we think, we'll be able to know the will of God and be effective in His Kingdom. This renewing of our mind and thought process is simply adopting the mind of God over our own.

Distancing ourselves from the things that tempt us into sin keeps us from giving the devil a foothold in our lives. Romans 13 talks about victory over temptation and tells us to not make provision for the flesh. Shut the door to old behavior.

Repentance isn't something that happens just once when we come to God, it's an attitude. Every time we mess up, we are to run to God, not from him. The devil tells us we lose our worth because we've sinned or God is mad at us when in reality God has mercy and forgiveness that are already ours.

Repentance for someone coming to Christ is confessing Jesus is Lord of their life. For a believer in fellowship with God, the confession is different. We come before God and confess our sins to Him, saying, "God, I missed the mark. Cleanse me from all unrighteousness."

Don't throw away what you know to be true because you don't understand. There are going to be things in this life we don't understand. Some people run away from God when bad things

happen but, as believers, we can give up the right to understand everything because God will give us His peace that passes understanding.

**Key Verses:**

Romans 12:1-2 • Romans 13:14 • Romans 10:9

**Daily Application**

There are two keys to repentance we must incorporate in our lives on a daily level to live a repentant lifestyle before the Lord. Again, repentance is not just a one time thing, it's an attitude. It is simply turning from unrighteousness and going to God's righteousness because of the truth He has deposited in us. His truth causes us to live differently as a result. So how do we get more of His truth in us?

1. Prayer.

- Pray that God would renew in us a steadfast spirit that resists temptation. Pray to know the heart of your Father. Take time to rest, to bring the good and bad issues of your life to God and let Him respond to you.

2. Hearing the word of God.

- This is how our thinking is going to be corrected. Sit with your Bible, a journal, and let the words of God move in your heart and mind. Read and reread His words. Ask God to show you how they fit into your life, adopt what He says, and do it.

**This Week's Declarations**

"Jesus set the perfect example for me to live a life of Godliness. I thank God for showing me what it looks like to turn away from the world and to look to Him. I choose to live a lifestyle of repentance before God, running to Him, holding His truth as my standard for life. I will be conscious and more aware of what God is doing in and through me. I spend time in prayer and hearing God, adopting His truth, allowing it to change me from the inside, and go the direction He is calling me as a result."

**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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#### **Romans 12:1 AMPC**

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice...

#### **Romans 7:23 NKJV**

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

#### **Romans 12:1 AMPC**

...as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.

#### **Romans 12:2 CEV**

Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think.

#### **Romans 12:2 ERV**

Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking.

#### **Romans 13:14 NKJV**

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

#### **Hebrews 6:1 NKJV**

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God...

#### **Acts 2:37-38 NKJV**

...and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Romans 10:9-10 NKJV**

...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

#### **1 John 1:9 NKJV**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Job 33:9 NKJV**

'I am pure, without transgression; I am innocent, and there is no iniquity in me.

**Job 34:5 NKJV**

"For Job has said, 'I am righteous, But God has taken away my justice;

**Job 42:6 NKJV**

Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

**Philippians 4:7 NKJV**

...and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding...

**2 Timothy 2:24-26 NKJV**

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 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.

**Psalms 51:3-4 NKJV**

For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight...

**Psalms 51:10 NKJV**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Hebrews 3:7-8 NKJV**

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

**1 Corinthians 7:16 NKJV**

For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

**1 Timothy 4:2 NKJV**

...having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...

**Hebrews 12:16-17 NKJV**

lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

**Romans 1:18 NKJV**

...suppress the truth in unrighteousness...