

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

Blessed Mothers

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

Celebrating Life

“Father God, thank you for the life that you’ve put inside me, as well as the life around me in the people that you’ve entrusted to me to care for and those in my circle of influence. Jesus, I follow your example of love that you reflected as you walked the Earth, even until death on the cross. Holy Spirit, lead and guide me through all the truth that you have for me in this message, and guide me in applying it in my life, in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

Key Concepts/Truths

God takes whatever evil and wicked things are done to us and turns them around for good. God, Himself has a plan for each of our lives, regardless of how we were conceived or planned.

Being a life-giver is not just a nine-month-long chance opportunity in pregnancy, it is a life-long commitment to love, care for, and influence. Anyone can decide to live this way.

Teaching a righteous fear of God to our children provides them with a foundation of wisdom and understanding. To fear God is simply to recognize His authority and to be in awe of Him as we learn His character.

When God blesses us, He is choosing to put Himself in a position that benefits us through His shed blood. Blessing those in our care is a powerful thing, and we should value the opportunity to do so.

The best thing we can do for those in our care is to pray for them. Expecting God's will to be done in their lives is great, but to ask the Lord and pray over them specifically what we hear Him say we should pray, brings power, as we join with what He wants to do in their lives.

Quitting is not an option, even when those we care for are no longer under our immediate care. When the love we give and the way we care comes from who we are, we will continue to give out of an overflow of who God has made us to be.

Rejoice, remember the works of the Lord and thank Him. Prayer gets the biggest and even the smallest things accomplished. When we pray, we can throw away the word “coincidence” because as a believer in God that word no longer has a place in our vocabulary.

We don't have to wait until we're more “grown-up” to taste and see that God is good through His word, our prayers, and encountering Him.

Key Verses:

Romans 8:28 • Proverbs 3:7 • Proverbs 8:13 • Proverbs 9:10 • Proverbs 15:33 • Psalm 77 • Psalm 119 • Psalm 9-16 • Judges 2:7

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

We don't have to wait until some magical date in time to begin engaging with God, tasting and seeing that He is good. There is no age requirement or maturity level in Christianity necessary to encounter God. We can see His nature by learning in His word and through our prayer, but encountering Him also to taste and see gives such a revelation to who He is. When we try to put God into a box and establish rules around engaging with Him, He doesn't stay there for long. Putting Him into a box, rather, puts ourselves into a box limiting what we allow ourselves to expect from Him. He wants to break us out of that box and flip over the ways that we have not fully understood Him in order to give us a right understanding and perspective of both who He is and who that makes us in Christ.

No matter what keeps us from praying or leaning into who God is, there is always more of Him to know and grow in. Whether it's a victim mentality, a sense of complacency, or anything else that keeps us from drawing near to Him, we can be certain that He will draw near to us as we take a step toward Him. When it comes to our children or loved ones encountering God, we can exemplify what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus and be a shining reflection of our Father. It can be said that, oftentimes, believers are the only Bible that some people will ever read. That presents us with such a great opportunity to be Jesus to those we come in contact with.

Ask the Holy Spirit to put someone on your heart today that you should begin praying for and begin to pray blessings on them. Doing this will not only turn your heart toward that person, but pray expectantly that it will turn their heart toward God and all of His grace, mercy, and love.

This Week's Declarations

I bring to Father God all my doing, all my decisions, and my desires, placing Him on the throne of my life each day. I submit to Him and He works out everything according to the purpose of His will for me to bring Him praise and glory. All the grace, peace, strength, joy, wisdom, and discernment to serve Him comes from only Him and I accept His providence of them in my life. I am blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. I am chosen as God's child to be holy and blameless in His sight.

I am a joy and a delight to Him and I receive His glorious grace in Christ. In Him, I have redemption, forgiveness, and purpose. I am marked in Christ by the Holy Spirit and I bear all of His fruit. In Christ I have the riches of His grace lavished on me with all wisdom and understanding, enabling me to know God more. I daily submit to Christ and His plan for me as a child of God. There is no place for shame, condemnation, disgust, despair, discouragement, fear, or dread.

I know the powerful working of God's mighty strength is in me as I am in Christ, 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 Reference

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Psalms 34:11 NKJV

Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 9:10 ESV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 8:13 NKJV

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;

Proverbs 15:33 NLT

Fear of the Lord teaches wisdom; humility precedes honor.

Psalms 115:13 CEV

All who worship the Lord, no matter who they are, will receive his blessing.

Psalms 34:11 NKJV

Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:1 NKJV

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 Corinthians 6:3 NKJV

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed

Mark 16:18 NKJV

...if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them;

Numbers 6: 23-24 NKJV

'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you;

Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV

Matthew 11:12 NKJV

...the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Colossians 1:10-11 NIV

so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might...

Ephesians 6:10-11 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Titus 2:12 NIV

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Ephesians 3:16-19 NIV

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Colossians 4:6 ICB

When you talk, you should always be kind and wise

Psalms 34:8 NIV

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Psalms 119:9 WEB

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

Psalms 77:11-14 NKJV

I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds. Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders;

Judges 2:7 NKJV

So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:10-15 NKJV

...another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers...

...Wherever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for calamity, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

Ephesians 1 NKJV