

Beyond Sunday with Scripture

Repentance (Victorious Life pt 2)

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

Facing Storms Pt 5: Distractions Of The World

"Father God, what a joy and an honor to sit in your presence. You are so good, just, mighty, and worthy of my time. I lift up believers around the world asking for your way to be made clear and simple to us. I pray your voice would be easy to hear, your protection easy to find, and your ways easy to walk. Give us ears to hear and hearts to receive what you have for us daily. Amen."

Key Concepts/Truths

The two biggest things to learn in order to experience growth in God's Kingdom are staying Kingdom-minded and continually presenting ourselves as a sacrifice to God. These are decisions we have to make every single day, but how do we do that?

- By allowing our hearts and minds to be renewed through hearing God's written word, as well as His spoken word given to us by His Holy Spirit. These will transform us and keep His Kingdom at the forefront of our thoughts and ways.
- By sacrificing our selfish desires, wants, and needs in favor of what God wants for us. Allowing ourselves to be vulnerable with Him, and being led by the Spirit in thought and action is presenting ourselves before God as an act of worship.

It's important to recognize when we are off-base with God, not only in how we act but also in the way we think. Walking through life with God requires repentance.

- Repentance is an inward shift and change of mind resulting in an outward change of behavior and direction.
- No matter how hard we try to muster up behavior change, the heart change is what is necessary.
- To see an outward change, we must let deep things change inside first, trusting God, giving Him control and permission.

Places and people create atmospheres.

- The enemy brings people into our lives to deceive us, and to introduce compromise of Kingdom ways.

It's so important to allow God to create the atmosphere that we remain in.

- We need to make sure to surround ourselves with Kingdom-minded people who encourage us and point us back to God.
- We shouldn't forget that Jesus was tempted in the same ways that we are— to put ourselves first, gratify our flesh, and look to our own way of living rather than God's. He can relate, but He can also strengthen us with grace because He knows what we're going through.

Mercy has to do with our past, but grace has to do with today. With God's help, we have the ability to do what we couldn't do otherwise.

- Grace empowers us to say "no" to the world, and be all that God has called us to be in His Kingdom.

Key Verses:

Romans 12:1-2 • Hebrews 2:18 • James 4:7

Real Life Application

We are called to live a balanced christian life with God's word going in and transformation coming out. For example, church attendance is wonderful but joining that with getting into the word for ourselves and talking with God on a regular basis fills us with His life and transformation. Seeking the Lord on Sundays or in a weekly small group is great, but taking the next step of bringing things to God the Father every morning, noon, or night is soul-filling, life-giving, and brings joy and renewal.

Our goal in life should always be the authentic pursuit of our Creator. It's easy to get distracted by the business of life, but when we genuinely commit our ways and our time to the Lord we will see clearly, be strengthened, and experience transformation.

Don't let yourself wallow in distraction. What ways are you authentically pursuing Him? How can you take your faith a little deeper this week? Start that conversation with God, His word, and others.

Declarations

"I choose God, and He chooses me. I reject the distractions of this world that have blinded me and twisted my thinking. I take up the word of God and renew my mind and ways, to God's

Kingdom mind and ways. I spend my time focused on God and what He has called me to. I share His word, His life, and His joy that I have received with the world around me, giving all the glory back to Him. I will not allow myself to stay distracted and sidelined by the enemy. I choose to stay Kingdom-minded and focused, to offer myself as a living sacrifice to God daily. To become all that He has created me to be and to do all that He has ordained for me to do.”

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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Matthew 3:2 NKJV

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

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

1 Corinthians 6:20 NKJV

...therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Romans 12:2 CEV

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

Isaiah 55:6-7 NKJV

Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon

Isaiah 55:8-11 NKJV

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that

goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Hebrews 2:18 NKJV

For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Hebrews 4:15-16 NKJV

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Isaiah 5:21 NKJV

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

Luke 16:27-31 NKJV

“Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

2 Timothy 3:16 MSG

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way.

1 Kings 17:7-24 NKJV

7And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. 8Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 So she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a [a]jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” 13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first,

and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.' ” 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah. 17 Now it happened after these things *that* the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so [b]serious that [c]there was no breath left in him. 18 So she said to Elijah, “What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?” 19 And he said to her, “Give me your son.” So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20 Then he cried out to the Lord and said, “O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?” 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, “O Lord my God, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.” 22 Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives!” 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the Lord in your mouth *is* the truth.”

Proverbs 6:23-24 NKJV

For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life, keeping you from your neighbor’s wife, from the smooth talk of a wayward woman.

1 Peter 5:8-9A 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...

James 4:7 NKJV

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 2:2 NKJV

...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby...