

Beyond the Sermon with Scripture References

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Becoming Awesome

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

Relational Authority

"Father, thank you for blessing me richly with your Spirit. Thank you for empowering me to be a shining example of your grace, truth, and love to those around me and for leading me according to your plan for my life. Continue to keep me in alignment with your Word and the thoughts and plans that you have for my future. I love you, Lord, and I dedicate myself to your will in Jesus' name. Amen!"

Key Concepts/Truths

The greatest gift we can leave behind, with our children and the world, is the example of our faith.

We have the authority to cover our children and those around us in prayer.

We can have plans for life and for our family, but we should also recognize that God has plans as well.

Being in God's hands is the most secure place to be, allowing Him to lead us along the plan that He has for us.

When we put the Kingdom of God first in our lives, it speaks volumes to those around us and those that come after us following our example.

As we put the Kingdom first, we can expect that all other things in our lives will be added and taken care of through God's orchestration.

Our compromises will be our children's norms. The things we spend time on and the things we do will impact our family dynamic.

When we pray for something or someone, we should also remain open to being a part of God's answer for that need. There is always a reason God has laid something on our heart.

We cancel the devil's decisions with our tongue. Death and life are in the power of our tongues, and angels are activated by what we do and say.

We are either using our words effectively, or wasting the incredible opportunity to affect the world for the Kingdom.

Jesus taught His disciples to always pray and never give up. We can trust that our prayers are absolutely heard and will be answered by God in His timing.

God is for us. Even though we might feel abandoned in things or in the midst of waiting to see our prayers answered, God is working everything for the good.

Key Verses:

Psalms 101:2-4 • Genesis 18:19 • 2 Timothy 1:5 • 1 Samuel 12:23 • Isaiah 54:17 • Psalms 91:10-11 • Matthew 6:33 • Luke 15:17-19 • Numbers 6:23-26 • 2 Corinthians 4:4 • Matthew 18:18 • Psalms 56:9

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

The saying, "Our compromises will be our children's norms", is so true. The things we model to those around us really do become a form of reality for them. So what do we do when we find ourselves in a position where we have either been compromising and taking the easy road, or simply not taking advantage of the time that we have to raise our families and lead our loved ones according to God's Word?

It can be tempting for us to ignore our responsibility and just hope that our loved ones end up going in the way they should, thinking "God will straighten them out", but that is not what He asks of us. As citizens of a new kingdom we are called to open our mouths, speak, and to lead

by example. We have an obligation to use our relational authority to speak blessing, peace, and life into the lives of those around us.

If we find ourselves not doing those things, our first step is simple--just start speaking. The most rewarding journeys always begin with a first step. Talk about the things of God in your life and engage with each other concerning them. The most fulfilling relationships are the ones infused with Christ.

Is there a relationship with a child, sibling, or other family member that God is putting on your heart to begin leading in a Godly manner?

Take some time this week in prayer to ask Him to show you how you can submit that relationship to Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you through His plan for that relationship. Acknowledge Him in it, He will make your path straight, and your way will be blessed because of it.

This Week's Declarations

"I am done compromising my principles, my time, and my relationships. I submit them to God and His will for them. My family and friends will see God's presence as the norm in my life because I choose to live as a Godly example. I speak God's words over those that He has entrusted to me. I put Him and His Kingdom first in my life and I know that all else will be added and orchestrated according to His plan for me. I know He has good thoughts toward me, a masterful plan for my life, and I am willing to go where He will lead me by His Spirit, 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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Psalm 101:2-3 ESV

I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless.... it shall not cling to me.

Joshua 2:12 NKJV

Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token,

Genesis 18:19 NKJV

For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him,

2 Timothy 1:5 NKJV

when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

1 Samuel 12:23 NKJV

...as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you...

Mark 9:23 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.

Psalm 91:10-11 NKJV

No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

Psalm 103:20 NKJV

Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

Matthew 18:10 NKJV

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

John 17:20 NKJV

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

Genesis 18:24-33 NKJV

Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" So the Lord said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who *am but* dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of five*?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*." And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* for the sake of forty." Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there." And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty." Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten." So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19:29 NKJV

And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Luke 15:17-19 NKJV

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' "

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

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

Numbers 6:23-26 NKJV

"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."' "

Mark 10:16 NIV

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Matthew 16:19 NKJV

...and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Luke 18:1-5 NKJV

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”

Luke 18:6-7 NKJV

Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?”

1 Samuel 1:28 NIV

So I have given him to the Lord. He is given to the Lord as long as he lives.” And they worshiped the Lord there.