



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: God's Way (Happily Ever After pt 3)

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

"DO IT GOD'S WAY"

"God, I thank you for all of the behind-the-scenes work you do in my life. I thank you for having a plan for all of my broken moments, and that you can use them for my good. You have what's best in store for me. I desire to walk close to you and follow after the example that you set. I am grateful for my spouse and the future that you have for us. You are a good Father and I love you. Amen."

Key Truths

Watch Out For These Three Marriage Lies:

~ **"I married the wrong person."**

When two people decide to do their marriage God's way, they can have a great marriage and fulfill His purpose for their lives.

~ **"I'm just not in love anymore."**

Love is not a feeling, it's a choice to lean into and love on purpose.

~ **"I blew it and the great marriage ship has sailed."**

Marriage always has potential, regardless of how we've viewed it in the past. It is meant to be the closest thing to heaven on earth, and it still can be.

Our relationship with God should be number one. Within our marriage, if we look to our spouse for our identity, they are going to let us down. It's impossible for one spouse to provide

everything that their spouse needs, but if God is the source of our identity, then we have the privilege of partnering with how He sees us and our marriage.

When two become one, in marriage, we should remember two things:

- We are complete through our union with Christ.
- Vision for our marriage is vital.

When creating a vision, we should focus on the things we're aiming for and places we're going, not highlighting the things we want to avoid.

Another thing to pay attention to: God designed sex and it is best where he said it should be—in marriage.

When we sin, if we repent and ask forgiveness, and then we give our mistakes to God, He makes the best of them. That does not mean that God takes away all of the consequences. He turns situations for good allowing us to use our stories as testimonies to change the lives of others. Whatever we have broken can be great again if we surrender it to God and let Him turn our mess into a message. God is in the business of making broken things beautiful, and He never fails.

Practical Application

Take some time this week to write down the vision for your marriage or family. Even if you aren't married, it is always the right time to set a vision for the future.

- What are the things that you are working towards?
- What are the values that you aren't going to let be swayed?
- What are some things you feel the Lord has in store for your future as a family?

If you would like to take it one step further, find a place to hang up the vision you create and make it a visible reminder of what God is calling you into.

Key Verses

- 1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:28, 7:35, 13:4
- Genesis 2:24, 18
- Colossians 2:10
- Psalm 66:12

Declarations

“God has a plan for my marriage. God has a plan for my family. Even when times get tough or the world tries to sway our decisions, we will stick to what God has for us. I commit myself to

my spouse and to building our marriage God's way, experiencing all that He has for us. I partner with the Lord to see His purposes fulfilled in my family's life to the glory of God."

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 God's Way

1 Corinthians 7:28 ERV But those who marry will have trouble...

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Amos 3:3 NLT Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

1 Corinthians 6:18 TLB That is why I say to run from sex sin. No other sin affects the body as this one does. When you sin this sin it is against your own body.

Psalms 66:12 TLB We went through fire and flood. But in the end, you brought us into wealth and great abundance.