



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: The Power of I Am

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

Power of Faith

"Father God, I am so thankful for you. I rest in this moment and recognize your goodness, your faithfulness, and your pursuit of me. I thank you for how you move and work in my life and in the people around me. Thank you for sending your son to pay for my sins and give me a new identity. I am forever grateful. Amen."

Key Truths & Applications

In Matthew 26, Jesus was with his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane. He asked them for their support and prayers, before He was taken away to be crucified. This is a great example that we can follow of doing life with other people because we are not meant to go through life alone, but with others, giving and receiving support.

Many times we can think that prayer is just another checklist item without realizing that it is incredibly effective. There are different kinds of prayer—the prayer of commitment, faith, petition, thanksgiving, agreement, and intercession. Jesus prays a prayer of commitment three times before He is taken to the cross, committing His will and His body to God. Jesus is the perfect example of showing us what it means to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God.

We need to know the will of God because we can't pray for God's will in faith if we don't know what it is. When we are tempted to do something other than His will, we should go to Jesus for strength. He knows what it's like to have our desires go one way while the will of God takes us in a different direction. When we feel like we can't go on, Jesus has the answer.

It's important to remember that when Jesus was raised from the dead, He wasn't raised alone. In Matthew 27, when the curtain in the temple's holiest place was torn from top to bottom,

Jesus's death brought people back to life. This happened so we would know that God's raising of Christ from the dead was not a solo event, but that God has the power to raise us all.

What's going to happen in the end? Jesus is coming back with a shout and those who have believed in Christ and died will rise first. Then, those who are alive believing in Christ will be raised. We'll get access to Heaven and attend the marriage supper of the Lamb where the church is united with Christ. Then, we'll come back with the Lord to see His new Kingdom established on Earth, and reign with him for a thousand years.

Key Verses:

Hebrews 2:18 • Hebrews 9:28 • Mark 14:51-52 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 • 1 Corinthians 15:21-26
• Matthew 26:36-47 • Matthew 27:50-53 • Philippians 3:11 • Philippians 3:20 • John 3:16 • John 18:3-5 • Acts 2:24

Declarations - (Speak this out loud)

"I am made new through Jesus Christ; His death, burial, and resurrection. I know that heaven is waiting for me, and I live with that hope inside of me. I know that whatever comes my way, I can bring it to Jesus because He is approachable, understanding, and loves me. I eagerly await the day of Christ's return and I live each day according to His will, doing all that He has called me to do in my new identity as a loved child 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

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1 Corinthians 11:23-25 NKJV For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 26:36-38 NKJV Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." And He took with Him Peter and the

two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

Mark 15:34b NKJV "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Acts 2:24 NKJV whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death,

Matthew 26:39 NKJV He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Romans 12:1 NKJV I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Matthew 26:40-44 NKJV Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

James 5:14-15 NKJV Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Luke 22:44 NKJV And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Hebrews 2:18 NKJV For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

John 18:3 NKJV Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

Matthew 26:47 NKJV Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

John 18:4-5 NKJV "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

John 18:6 NKJV Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Exodus 3:14 NKJV And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

2 Chronicles 7:3 NLT ...the glorious presence of the Lord filling the Temple, they fell face down on the ground and worshiped and praised the Lord,

Acts 10:9-10 NKJV ...Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour...he fell into a trance

Acts 9:3-4 NKJV suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground,

John 18:10-11 NKJV Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Isaiah 37:36 NKJV Then the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand

Mark 14:51-52 NKJV Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

1 Corinthians 15:21-23 NKJV For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order:

1 Corinthians 15:23-24 NKJV But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end,

Matthew 27:51-53 NKJV Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Hebrews 11:22 NKJV By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

Matthew 27:53 NKJV ...and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

2 Corinthians 5:8 NKJV ...to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Hebrews 9:28 NKJV so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-16 NKJV But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend

from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

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Job 19:26 KJ21 and though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NKJV For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Jude 14-15 KJV Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all,

Zechariah 14:5 NKJV Thus the Lord my God will come, And all the saints with You.+

Philippians 3:21 NKJV who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Revelation 20:4 NKJV And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:5-6 NKJV But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Philippians 3:11 NKJV if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

John 3:16 NKJV For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.