



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

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.

Prayer

"Thank you Father God for grace that is new daily. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me, bless me, and pursue me. I am so grateful that the God of the universe desires a relationship with me. Thank you Jesus for blessing me with what I need for today, would you also provide what's needed for tomorrow?"

Message Theme

A Leader's Toolbox

Key Truths

Helpful skills, attitudes, and mindsets:

1. Relationship Skills

It is so important that we are able to get along with others and help others be able to get along as well. Part of that is the ability to forgive and see things from other people's point of view. There is strength found in unity. The Body of Christ is called to be a united family. When two leaders are in disagreement, people have to choose sides, causing division. When there is unity, we can get things done.

In the story of Abraham and Lot, Abraham is being blessed by God and Lot was blessed while he was with Abraham. Abraham avoided strife to the extent of separating from Lot, but once he separated from Lot, the Lord blessed him with more. When it comes to our family, we should always extend grace. Like the father of the prodigal son; he showed grace even though the son had some cleaning up to do.

2. Emotional Skills

Jesus tells us not to live based on emotions. We get to rejoice in the joy of the Lord no matter what comes our way. Joy is the foundational emotion of christianity. When we live by faith and have joy, our heart will not be troubled. It is not about what we have, but who we have. Sometimes this is harder said than done but we should not get discouraged.

We should rejoice in the Lord. The worst thing that can happen to us as Christians is death but even that takes us to heaven.

The sacrifice of praise that the Bible talks about means that praise and worship is not just when we feel like it but when God deserves it. It's easy when we all worship together but more difficult when life gets rough and we are alone or in the comfort of our home. When we keep our mind on God, he will keep us in perfect peace. The Prince of Peace will shelter us and provide us what we need.

3. Discipline Skills

It is so important that we can say no to ourselves. To be able to lead and encourage others, we first have to be able to lead and encourage ourselves. People naturally follow people with good discipline.

4. Prayers Skills

Smith Wigglesworth once said, "I don't often spend more than half an hour in prayer at one time, but I never go more than half an hour without praying." We are supposed to walk with God and stay in relationship with Him. In a marriage or any committed relationship, there is a desire for time and communication. Our Father desires that connection with us but that doesn't happen overnight. It comes with time, effort and sacrifice for each other.

5. Meditation Skills

We have to be able to control our thought life. Thoughts come to bombard our mind but we have filters we can use to sift through them. Again, if our mind is stayed on God, He will keep our mind in perfect peace. We can't put the wrong stuff in and be thinking about the right stuff.

Practical Application

Take a look at the skills above and be honest with yourself. What skills do you need to focus on more? Does God get your attention daily? Do you give God time to speak to you? Do you bring your thoughts and hold them next to the Word of God?

Key Verses

- Philippians 4:2-3, 1:25, 4:6&8
- Ecclesiastes 10:10
- Genesis 11:16, 13:8-15
- Psalms 133:3
- Proverbs 6:23-24, 20:27
- 1 Corinthians 13:1
- John 14:1

- Romans 14:17
- 2 Corinthians 4:1, 4:17-18, 11:22-29, 10:4-6
- Hebrews 13:15
- Isaiah 26:3
- 1 Samuel 30:1-8
- Joshua 1:8

Declarations

“God has given me so many opportunities to learn and grow. In my walk with God I want to continue to get closer to Him and learn from His Word. I am capable of growth, good things, and blessing others with what God has given me. I am worth pursuing and God is worth more of my time and attention”.

What’s Next?

Now it’s time to write down anything 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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Ecclesiastes 10:10 NKJV If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success.

Philippians 4:2-3 NKJV I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.

Genesis 11:6 NKJV And the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

Psalms 133:1-3 NKJV REF Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity! *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. *It is* like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forevermore.

Genesis 13:8 NKJV So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.

Genesis 13:9-12 & 14 NKJV Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan... And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

Proverbs 6:23-24 NKJV For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life, To keep you from the evil woman...

1 Corinthians 13:1 NKJV Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

Philippians 4:4 NKJV Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

John 14:1 AMP "Do not let your heart be troubled..."

Philippians 1:25 NKJV ...joy of faith...

2 Corinthians 12:2 NKJV I know a man in Christ...

2 Corinthians 4:1 NKJV Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NKJV For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 NKJV ...I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness...

Hebrews 13:15 NKJV Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Isaiah 61:3 NKJV ...The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...

Isaiah 26:3 NKJV You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You...

Philippians 4:5 KJV Let your moderation be known unto all men.

1 Samuel 30:1-6 NKJV Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried *them* away and went their way. So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was ^lagrieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

1 Samuel 30:6 KJV ...David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

Proverbs 12:27 NKJV The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.

Philippians 4:6 NKJV Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...

Philippians 4:8 NKJV Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

2 Corinthians 10:4 NKJV For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...