



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Jesus: Our Freedom

This guide offers 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

The Enemy Is Alive and Well

Prayer Focus

Father, I believe Your Word to be truth. Your Kingdom is alive and active, and I'm grateful for the clear instructions You've given me on how to stand up against the enemy affecting our culture. Thank You for equipping me with the power to do so. Through the name of Jesus, I can heal the sick and mend the broken. Your name is above all, and Your Word is more real than my emotions. Lord, You're worthy of my praise. In Jesus' name. Amen!

Key Truths

As Christians, our battles aren't against other people but against the spirit of the enemy. This means our adversary is not the people around us with whom we disagree; instead, it is a spiritual being. According to the Bible, the Devil is the ruler of our culture, and he's doing everything in his power to prevent God's promises from being fulfilled. Despite this, we remain hopeful and steadfast in our faith, trusting that God's promises will come to pass.

We should understand two important things. First, the Devil is alive and well and on the move. Second, we have the authority to resist him. It's crucial to acknowledge the existence of Satan and not live in ignorance.

Jesus

has warned us about the Devil's intentions, which are to steal, kill, and destroy. However, God sent Christ to provide us with abundant life. Our freedom was paid for because Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.

Psalms say God has a plan for every person, even before they're born. Jesus wishes to work through us and showcase what He accomplished on the cross. One of our duties as believers is to lay our hands on the sick and pray for them to recover. Additionally, God commanded us to love each other and have faith in the name of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus came to Earth, He was born as a human being, demonstrating that we, too, can do amazing things and more with the power given to us. He assures us that He will support us if we use His name. Jesus didn't just die *for* us, but He died *as one of us*, and God wants to treat us as if we're His children. As we learn about what Jesus did for us and gain knowledge, grace and peace will multiply. We can't believe God for what we don't know, so gaining knowledge is crucial for standing in faith. God has already given us everything we

need for life and godliness; now, we must trust Him to receive it. When we meditate on God's word it gets down on the inside of us and we begin to live differently.

Practical Application

Our feelings change frequently and we can't trust them. The Bible teaches us that our adversary, the Devil, is the Accuser. He makes us experience negative or incorrect feelings and then deceives us into believing those emotions are accurate. His goal is to convince us that God is not on our side and will not provide for us.

We need to remind ourselves that Jesus's blood has cleansed us, and God gave us Jesus' name to use. Whenever our hearts tell us we're not qualified, we must convince ourselves otherwise. We should keep affirming what God says about us in His Word until it becomes a part of our core. We must remember that God is more real than our emotions and feelings.

This message unveils the spiritual battle we're all engaged in as Christians. The Bible doesn't just tell us about the battle; it provides us with strategies for victory. Let's discover how to wield the authority and power that Jesus has given us to overcome every obstacle and live victoriously in Him.

First : Develop a Spiritual Plan- Think about practical ways you can exercise your spiritual authority in your daily life. Decide beforehand how you will respond to temptation and spiritual attacks for example; Pray for discernment to recognize the enemy's attacks, pray for strength to resist temptation, and pray for God's wisdom and guidance in every area of your life. Don't be ignorant or passive but be actively resistant through prayer and the Word of God.

Second: Live Out Your Identity in Christ: Make a commitment to live out your identity in Christ boldly and authentically, allowing it to shape every aspect of your life and interactions with others.

Third: Cultivate a lifestyle of Prayer - Find a community - Surround yourself with other Christians who can encourage you in your faith, hold you accountable, and pray with you in times of need. We are not alone in this battle, let's fight together, side by side.

God has equipped you with everything you need to overcome the enemy and walk in victory. May you continue to grow in your understanding of your spiritual authority and experience the abundant life that Christ has promised to you.

Reference Verses

- 1 Peter 5:8
- Ephesians 6:12
- Ezekiel 5:35
- Revelations 2:10, 2:20-21
- 1 Thessalonians 2:18
- John 10:10, 14:12-14, 16:24
- Romans 14:17
- Luke 13:10-16, 14:12-14

- Acts 10:38, 13:6, 16:16-18
- 1 John 5:19, 3:23, 3:19-20
- Mark 5:1-13, 16:17-18, 4:24
- Psalms 139:13-14, 110:5-6
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Galatians 2:20
- 2 Peter 1:2-4
- Joshua 1:8
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Declarations

- The name of Jesus is exalted above every other name. It holds authority over sickness, confusion, and disease.
- I will trust God's Word and refuse to let my emotions control my life.
- I have the authority over Satan through the name of Jesus Christ.

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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Ephesians 6:12 TLB For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world...

Ephesians 6:12 TLB...the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world...

1 John 5:19 AMPC We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

Ezekiel 35:5 NKJV "Because you have had an ancient hatred..."

Revelation 2:10 NKJV Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison...

1 Thessalonians 2:18 NKJV Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.

John 10:10 NKJV The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1 John 3:8 NKJV For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Ephesians 3:10 KJV REF ...to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known through the church the manifold wisdom of God...

Mark 16:17-18 NKJV "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Luke 13:10-11 NKJV Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

Luke 13:16 NKJV "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Mark 5:1-2 NKJV Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit...

Psalms 139:16 NKJV REF Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

Revelation 2:20-21 NIV Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you.

Acts 13:6-7 NKJV Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man.

Mark 16:17-18 NKJV "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

John 14:12 NKJV "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

John 14:13-14 NKJV And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Philippians 2:5-7 NKJV Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Hebrews 2:14 NKJV Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same...

Philippians 2:8-10 NKJV And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth...

1 John 3:23 NKJV And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Philippians 2:10-11 NKJV ...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalms 110:5-6 NKJV The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

1 Peter 5:8-9 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...

2 Peter 1:2 NKJV Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord...

Mark 4:24 AMPC ...Be careful what you are hearing.

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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...

Galatians 2:20 NKJV I have been crucified with Christ...

2 Corinthians 5:14 NKJV ...we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died...

Romans 8:29 NKJV ...that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

John 17:23 NKJV ...You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Ephesians 1:18 KJV ...that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints...