



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Under the Circumstances

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

Finding encouragement in times of uncertainty.

Key Concepts/Truths

Caution is needed when making major decisions in times of distress.

When things are dark, the church needs to be the light.

The world is looking for the hope that we carry.

We see things by faith that others cannot see.

Peace isn't determined by outside circumstances.

We can live by faith and respond to the world around us by faith.

We are called to overcome evil with good.

Key Verses: 1 Samuel 30:6 • 2 Timothy 3:16 • 2 Corinthians 4:18 • John 14:1 • Hebrews 13:5-6

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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.

Real-Life Application

What are 3 things that you can do this week in order to allow this word to sink even deeper?

1. Recognize that God can do anything and get you anywhere in 24 hours.
 - Study Daniel and his encounter in the lion's den
 - Study Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the furnace
 - Study Joseph being promoted from the prison to the palace
2. Meditate on Romans 8:28 and 8:31
3. Regularly re-anchor your soul (mind, will, and emotions) to Him and His Spirit. Set reminders for yourself to pause and re-anchor.

This Week's Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

- Thank You, God, that my love grows more perfect everyday I pursue You.
- I have an abundance of grace and fullness of righteousness.
- I look out not only for my own interests but also for the interests of others. I choose to love God and others as I respond by faith.
- I am strengthened with power according to His might.
- I have great endurance and patience.
- I have not been given a spirit of fear. I have power, love, and a sound mind.

Greater Things

Keep these things in mind: God cannot lie, His promises are absolute and Jesus will never leave you. Anchor your soul in these truths and you will see greater things.

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 from the message ***Under the Circumstances***

1 Samuel 30:1-4 NKJV

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power to weep.

1 Samuel 30:6 CEB

David was in deep trouble because the troops were talking about stoning him. Each of the soldiers was deeply distressed about their sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 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. 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.

2 Corinthians 4:18 NKJV

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 4:7-9 NKJV

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 MSG

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another - showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way.

Acts 2:44-45 NKJV

Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

Ephesians 6:12-13 NKJV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Galatians 6:9 NKJV

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Hebrews 11:13 NKJV

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Hebrews 13:5b-6 NKJV

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6 NKJV

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Hebrews 6:19 NKJV

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

Isaiah 60:1-2 NKJV

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

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.

John 14:1 NKJV

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

Luke 21:28 NKJV

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Matthew 11:11 NKJV

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Philippians 2:4 NLT

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

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;

Psalms 23 NKJV

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;

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Romans 1:21 NKJV

because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 12:2 NKJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:21 NKJV

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 8:28 NKJV

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:31 NKJV

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.