



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Voting Kingdom Minded

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 Kingdom of God...and Politics

Prayer Focus

Lord, from the very beginning, Your design for mankind was perfect. Thank You for revealing Your heart through Scripture and providing all we need to live in Your Kingdom. When the world presses in, and confusion surrounds us, we turn to You for strength and guidance. Help us stand firm in Your truth and live according to Your design. In Jesus' name, amen.

Key Truths

Jesus is active in the world, continuing His ministry in the present. Throughout history, the Church has remained countercultural, choosing to live in a way that sets it apart. One can look to the many examples of Christians who've chosen faith over worldly conformity, even when it cost them their lives—such as those who refused to worship emperors. Christians have historically stood against practices such as abortion, promiscuity, and the idolatry of kings and leaders.

Many Christians abstain from voting, believing that God's will shall prevail regardless of their participation. However, we can't be passive and expect to see God's will unfold. He has a plan and a purpose for every nation, and as believers, we have our part to play. We're called to be salt and light, living as an example to the world; we must stand apart and embrace a mindset focused on God's Kingdom for everything.

The enemy roams this earth, seeking whom he may devour, delighting in division and confusion, particularly in identity matters. As Christians, we hold firmly to the truth that God created two genders and instituted marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The Father established these principles at the beginning of creation. Rather than allowing culture to influence our faith, we must let our faith shape how we engage with the world.

Practical Application

As you dive into God's Word, you'll renew your mind and develop a Kingdom perspective. His design for you is intentional and perfect. Before you were born, He formed you in your mother's womb, and His plan for your life is flawless. When the world becomes loud and confusing, anchor yourself in God's promises. Continually return to Scripture to discover your identity and purpose. Remember, standing *with* God often means standing *against* the world.

Reference Verses

- Matthew 3:11, 16:18, 28:19
- Hebrews 7:25
- Hosea 8:4
- 2 Kings 21:9
- Romans 12:2
- Joshua 1:8
- Philippians 3:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Ephesians 6:12
- Ezekiel 28:12-13, 38:8
- 1 John 4:1-3
- Daniel 11:37
- Genesis 1:27, 2:24, 12:1-3
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- 1 Corinthians 6:9
- Joel 3:1-3
- Luke 17:26-30, 1:41-44
- Psalms 139:13-16
- Proverbs 14:34

Declarations

- I will stand firm, armed with the truth, when the enemy comes against me.
- Being a citizen of God's Kingdom sets me apart from the world. Though it isn't always easy, I'm called and equipped to do the impossible.
- As I step forward in faith, God will give me the strength to face every trial.

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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Matthew 3:11 KJV ...he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire...

Hebrews 7:25 NKJV He always lives to make intercession for them.

Matthew 16:18 KJV I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Hosea 8:4 NKJV "They set up kings, but not by Me; They made princes, but I did not acknowledge them."

1 Timothy 2:4 KJV Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

2 Kings 21:9 NKJV But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.

Matthew 28:19 NKJV Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...

Matthew 5:14 NKJV "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."

Romans 12:2 GW Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think.

Romans 12:2 GW Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

Philippians 3:20 NKJV For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Ephesians 6:12 AMPC For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

Ezekiel 28:12-13 NKJV "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God...Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Acts 13:6-7 NKJV ...they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul...

Ezekiel 28:2 NKJV And you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,' Yet you are a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god...

1 John 4:1-3 NKJV Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Daniel 11:37 NKJV He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women...

Genesis 1:27 NKJV So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 2:24 NKJV Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 NKJV For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality...

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 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.

Genesis 12:1-2 NKJV Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation..."

Genesis 12:2 NKJV I will bless you And make your name great...

Genesis 12:3 NKJV "I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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

Ezekiel 38:8 NKJV After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

Joel 3:1 NKJV "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem..."

Joel 3:2 NKJV I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat...

Joel 3:2 NKJV And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

Mark 1:23-26 NKJV Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, [a]"Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Isaiah 53:6 NKJV And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Psalms 139:13-16 NKJV For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 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.

Jeremiah 1:5 NKJV "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Luke 1:44 NKJV For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Genesis 4:10 NKJV And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.