



## **Beyond the Sermon**

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: The Power of Mercy

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 Name of Jesus

### **Prayer Focus**

*Lord Jesus, thank You for the authority You gave us in Your name. Strengthen our hearts and minds to stand firm against all challenges and speak with the power You bestowed upon us. Let us walk in Your light, confident in Your victory. May our faith be unwavering as we exercise this authority to bring the world love, peace, and healing. In Your name, we pray, amen.*

### **Key Truths**

Believing in Jesus' name means much more than just acknowledging Him; it involves experiencing and knowing Him deeply through our daily lives and prayers. Many Christians pray to Jesus, recognizing that He came to restore our relationship with God. Christ taught us to pray to the Father in His name, which gives us access to His incredible power and authority. When we invoke the name of Jesus in our prayers, it's as though He's right there with us, providing strength and guidance.

When Jesus gave us His name, he also gave us the full authority accompanying it. By saving us from our sins, Jesus enabled God to show mercy upon us, bridging the gap between humanity and the divine. If we wish to understand God's nature, we look to Jesus, the perfect representation of God the Father. Jesus' rest after the crucifixion wasn't due to fatigue but because He completed His work. The authority Jesus demonstrated in the spiritual realm is the same authority we possess in the physical. We can confront the enemy. Jesus wants to be revealed through the church to combat the forces of darkness.

This deeper understanding of Jesus' role and the authority we have through Him empowers us to live confidently and boldly. God called us to use this authority to resist the enemy and bring light, love, and hope into the world. Just as Jesus conquered death and the grave, we're called to live victoriously, exercising the power and authority Christ gave us. Let us walk in faith, knowing that in Jesus' name, we can overcome any obstacle and fulfill the mission He has entrusted to us.

### **Practical Application**

Are you living below your rights and privileges as an heir? Salvation comes with benefits similar to an

all-access pass. It's not just about forgiveness and entry to heaven; we also receive the name of Jesus Christ to use against the enemy. Instead of asking God to remove the Devil, we can stand up to the enemy through His Son's name. We don't need to ask God to do it for us. Is there something you are standing up for? Find someone to stand with in all the power and authority that is in yours in Christ.

## Reference Verses

- 1 John 3:23
- John 16:23-24
- Matthew 28:18-20, 17:14-20
- Phillipians 2:9-11
- Colossians 2:15, 3:10
- Isaiah 30:18
- Romans 3
- Hebrews 1:3, 12:24
- 2 Corinthians 5
- Psalms 103:2-5
- 2 Peter 1:3
- Luke 11:21-22, 10:19
- Mark 6:5, 16:16-20

## Declarations

By the authority given to me by God, I stand firm against any forces of the enemy.

I declare God's power and protection over my life, knowing that no weapon formed against me shall prosper. I resist the darkness with faith and courage and proclaim victory through God's unfailing strength and guidance.

## What's Next?

This week we learned from Pastor Duane how the divine name of Jesus Christ can be used to overcome challenges, defeat spiritual adversaries, and experience the abundant life God has promised. By understanding and applying the principles outlined in this guide, you can unlock the full potential of your faith and live a victorious life.

### **Believe and Receive:**

Begin by wholeheartedly accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, embracing the fullness of His sacrificial love and the forgiveness of sins. Place your trust in His redemptive power, recognizing that through Him, you have been granted spiritual authority to live victoriously. Allow this understanding to transform your heart, filling you with gratitude and confidence in His promises.

### **Utilize the Name of Jesus:**

When you come to God in prayer, do so in the powerful name of Jesus, acknowledging the authority He has given you. In Jesus' name, boldly confront and rebuke any demonic forces that seek to hinder or disrupt, standing firm in the victory He has already won. Speak out God's promises with faith, and actively claim the inheritance that is yours as a child of God. Trust that every prayer, lifted in His name, reaches the heart of the Father.

### **Live a Victorious Life:**

Embrace a life of victory by daily walking in faith, rooted in the promises of God's Word. Let your life reflect obedience to His commands, aligning your actions, thoughts, and desires with biblical truths. Live out this faith by actively sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, inviting others to experience His love and grace. In doing so, you not only reflect the light of Christ but also participate in the expansion of His kingdom on earth.

## **Scripture References**

### **The Power of Mercy**

**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...

**John 16:23 NKJV** "And in that day you will ask Me nothing."

**John 16:23-24 NKJV** "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

**Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore...

**Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV** 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, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Colossians 2:15 Lovett** He openly displayed Jesus' triumph over satan, disarming him and his entire band of spirits down to the last demon.

**Luke 10:19 NKJV** ...over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**Isaiah 30:18 KJV** And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you...

**Hebrews 1:3 NKJV** ...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...

**2 Corinthians 5:19 TLB** ...no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out.

**Hebrews 1:3 NKJV** ...upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

**Psalm 103:2-5 NKJV** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Psalm 103:2 NKJV** ...And forget not all His benefits...

**Colossians 2:15 ASV** ...having despoiled the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

**Ephesians 3:10 NKJV** ...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places...

**Genesis 22:1-14 NKJV REF**

**2 Peter 1:3 NKJV** ... has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness...

**Luke 11:21-22 NKJV** When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

**Luke 10:19 KJV** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**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."

**Mark 16:20 KJV** And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.