



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: The Secret to Miracles (The Name of Jesus pt 1)

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

Faithfully Owning Our Authority In Christ

Prayer Focus

God, I thank you for your mighty name and power. You are so good and are above all else. Thank you for loving me and showing me what it means to be loved. Strengthen me to live in Christ and experience your truth and reality in my life. Amen.

Key Truths

There is a difference between believing in Jesus and believing in the *name* of Jesus. Having confidence in the name of Jesus means we believe if hands are laid on us in the name of Jesus we will be healed—not simply needing Jesus to miraculously show up in the room and do the healing Himself. It's believing that the name of Jesus is exactly the same as Jesus being in the room with us.

All of Jesus' power and authority is in His name and as believers, we have been given access to all of it because we have access to all of Him. The power that someone's name holds is determined by the resources associated with it. Jesus physically walks this earth through us, as ambassadors, and gives us His power and all the resources that come along with it. So often we can pray for God to come and take care of the enemy for us, but God has given us the authority to resist steadfastly.

A representation of the name of Jesus is in the story of Moses. Moses' staff had the power of Jesus and as he raised it, the Red Sea obeyed and was split. Just like in that example, when we call on the name of Jesus, His power is there and we are accessing it. This power isn't for making things happen according to our own will through manipulation, but to accomplish the will of our Father God. Our prayers don't get answered because of what we have done but because of how good God is.

Practical Application

We must be proactive and continue to use the name of Jesus to set things just as they ought to be and as a weapon against the enemy, and it's all available to us simply because God loves us. He loves us with the exact same love He has for Jesus. We're included in Him. We understand that Jesus died *for* us, but in reality, God sees it as that Jesus died *as* us. Our sin has been paid for in full and there is purpose and identity for us to walk in. Here are some helpful practicals to keep your mind fixed on Christ, living in His reality, and bringing Heaven on Earth.

- 1- Speak the Word of God daily and keep it in your heart.
- 2 - Meditate on His Word. Look not only at what God was saying when it was written but also what it means for us today and what He continues to say through it.
- 3 - Do what His Word says. How can you participate in what the Bible says? What is God asking of you?

Reference Verses

- 1 John 3:23
- Acts 8:5-12, 3:2-7, 4:9-12, 9:29. 8:12
- John 16:23-24, 17:23, 15:7
- Matthew 28:18-20, 11:12
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- James 4:6-7
- Romans 4:25
- Ecc 8:8
- 2 Peter 1:2-5
- Joshua 1:8
- Ephesians 1:19-22
- Philippians 2:9-11
- Colossians 2:15
- Luke 10:19
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Mark 16:17-18

Declarations

- I am loved by Father God with the same love that He has for Jesus.
- I am in Christ, and Christ is in me.
- In Christ, I have access to all of the power and authority of His name to defeat the enemy and bring Heaven on Earth.

What's Next?

This week we learned from Pastor Duane how the early church relied on the authority of Jesus' name to perform miracles and spread the gospel. The principles below will help you understand and apply that same power in your own life, allowing you to walk in victory and bring God's kingdom into everyday situations.

Believe in the Authority of Jesus' Name

Reflect on the truth that the name of Jesus carries the same power and authority as His physical presence. Strengthen your faith by reading Acts 3 and other scriptures that showcase miracles done in His name. Affirm daily that you have access to this same authority for overcoming challenges in your life.

Use the Name of Jesus in Prayer and Spiritual Warfare

When you face difficulties or spiritual battles, actively declare the name of Jesus over your situation. Pray

confidently, knowing that His name has power over sickness, fear, and any obstacle. James 4:7 reminds us to resist the devil, and he will flee—use the name of Jesus to do so.

Live with Kingdom Purpose and Boldness

Just as the apostles preached the kingdom and used the name of Jesus for miracles, embrace your role in advancing God's kingdom. In your daily interactions, offer prayer in Jesus' name, share your faith boldly, and rely on the authority of His name to demonstrate God's love and power in the world.

Scripture References

The Secret to Miracles

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.

Acts 8:5-6 NKJV Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Acts 8:7 NKJV For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

Acts 8:12 CEV But when they believed what Philip was saying about God's kingdom and about the name of Jesus Christ, they were all baptized.

Acts 3:2-6 NKJV And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name...

Acts 3:6-7 NKJV ...In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Acts 4:9-10 NKJV If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

Acts 9:27 CSB ...he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

John 16:24 NKJV 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...

James 4:6-7 NKJV But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Matthew 11:12 CEV From the time of John the Baptist until now, violent people have been trying to take over the kingdom of heaven by force.

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

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John 17:23 NKJV I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

John 15:7 NKJV If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

2 Peter 1:2-5 NKJV Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him...

Romans 4:3 NKJV "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Joshua 1:8 NKJV REF his 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.

Ephesians 1:19 NKJV ...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power...

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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.

Colossians 2:15 LOVETT ...disarming him and his entire band of spirits down to the last demon.

Luke 10:19 NKJV Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Mark 16:17 NKJV And these signs will follow those who believe...

Mark 16:17-18 NKJV And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents...

Mark 16:18 NKJV ...and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them...

Mark 16:18 NKJV "...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."