



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Pass Through (From Stressed to Blessed pt 3)

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 & Prayer Focus

The Most Important Thing

Prayer:

"God, your faithfulness is unmatched and your grace is abundant. The more I read your word, the more I see your great power and love for your people. I am so thankful for those who have gone before me and written down the stories so I can learn from them. Father your love and power are the same now as they were then, and they are forever. Thank you, Amen."

Key Truths

As believers, although we live here on earth, our citizenship is heaven. Therefore, we have to set our minds on things above.

Where is our affection?

What are we giving our attention to?

When we gave our lives to Christ, our lives became hidden with His and we became ambassadors for the kingdom. We are called to live a life of bringing the Kingdom to earth.

The most important thing about us is what we believe about God. The second most important thing is how we host the presence of God and bring the Kingdom. Moses, being raised in a powerful family, gave up his authority to suffer with the people rather than suffer the passing pleasures of sin. He knew that Christ's riches were better than anything the world had to offer. He was looking past this life to his heavenly reward.

Eternity is going to be here, on earth, not distant in another galaxy or up in the heavens. When we believe the gospel, the exact same power shows up that was there at the beginning when Jesus was healing the sick and performing signs and wonders. God's power hasn't aged over the years or weakened over time.

The battles we face are not against flesh and blood. Above our nationality, political views, gender, or any other worldly view, what's more important about us is that we are in Christ. When it comes to our salvation, what God did for one person he did for all. We all got the same promise of eternal life when we received Christ as our Lord and Savior. The kingdom of God is here. As believers, we have to use the power that God has given us. We have to enforce the kingdom by being strong in the Lord and the power of HIS might because the devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Praise God for defeating the devil and giving us the authority to stand up against the enemy.

Practical Application

Wherever Jesus is king, that is where the kingdom is. You have the opportunity to let Jesus be king in each and every area of your life. You have the opportunity to declare the testimony of what God has done into your family, job, finances, and more.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16

Verses

- Psalms 84:4-7
- Philippians 3:20
- Colossians 3:1-3
- Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:14-16, 11:9
- Romans 12:2, 1:16
- Revelation 20:1-6, 21:1-6
- Ephesians 2:7, 6:10, 3:10, 6:12
- 2 Corinthians 4:4, 5:17
- Jude 1:3
- John 10:10, 14:6

Declarations (speak out loud)

“God’s faithfulness in the stories I read in the Bible are still just as powerful today. God keeps his promises and he is constant. When I don’t understand, I can look at what the Lord has promised and know that he is in control. Wherever Jesus is, the kingdom is there. I know that part of being a follower of Christ is bringing the kingdom to earth and I am dedicated to that mission. God use me where I am.”

What's Next?

Living a life fully devoted to Christ requires intentionality and focus. These 3-steps will help you align your heart and mind with God's truth, empowering you to live boldly for His Kingdom.

1. **Set Your Mind on Things Above:** By focusing on God's Word and regularly reading the Bible and seeking Him through scripture (Psalm 84:12, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:2). Embrace an eternal perspective, understanding that this life is temporary and true fulfillment comes from God (Hebrews 11:13-16, Romans 12:2). Recognize your place as an ambassador of God's Kingdom, carrying His presence and representing His purpose wherever you go (Romans 12:1-2).
2. **Be Strong in the Lord:** By believing in the power of the Gospel, which is the power of God for salvation and deliverance (Romans 1:16). Acknowledge God as your ultimate source of strength, trusting in His might rather than relying on your own abilities (Ephesians 6:10). Recognize the enemy's influence and stand firm against Satan by fighting with God's power, resisting him through unwavering faith in Christ (Ephesians 6:12-13).
3. **Live a Transformed Life:** By embracing your new identity in Christ, knowing that in Him, you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Walk in the faith delivered to the saints, following the teachings and principles established in the early church (Jude 3). Resist the devil and stand firm, using the authority God has given you to overcome evil and enforce His Kingdom in your life (1 Peter 5:8-9).

You were made to live with purpose and power. As you apply these steps, remember that God's strength is made perfect in your weakness, and His Spirit is working within you. Keep pressing forward, walking in faith, and shining His light to the world around you! 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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Psalm 84:4-7 NKJV Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

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

Colossians 3:1-3 NKJV ...seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:3 NKJV ...your life is hidden with Christ in God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV ...we are ambassadors for Christ...

Hebrews 11:24-25 NKJV By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin...

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Hebrews 11:26 NKJV ...esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

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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.

Hebrews 11:14-16 NKJV For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:10 KJV For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Romans 12:2 GNT Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.

Revelation 22:12 NKJV "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me..."

Revelation 20:1-6 NKJV Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of

God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for [a]a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 21:1-5 NKJV Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, [a]John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Ephesians 2:7 NKJV ...that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Romans 1:16 NKJV For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Ephesians 6:10 NKJV Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

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...

Ephesians 6:12 TLB For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood...

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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...

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2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV ...the god of this world ...

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...

2 Corinthians 5:17 TLB When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NEB When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world...

2 Corinthians 5:17 Deane ... And a true Christian is not merely a man altered, but a man remade...

2 Corinthians 5:17 Stanley If anyone has entered into fellowship with Christ, a new world has at once opened upon him...

Jude 3 NKJV Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

1 Peter 5:8 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