



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Victory in Faith

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

The Power At Work In You

Prayer Focus

"Thank you God for your grace that abounds. You understand what I go through and love me through it all. I am so blessed to be loved and pursued by you. Would you teach me more about yourself this week? I desire to know you more, to understand your will and to follow your word. God you are so beautiful. I trust you and your timing in my life. Amen."

Key Truths

As believers we all have an enemy in the earth. Satan wants to steal the word of God before it can produce in our hearts. He tries to get us to move from what we believe the word says by attacking our mind. But the more we read in the Bible, the more we see that God has already defeated the enemy and called us to be victorious with him. We have to resist the enemy by speaking in agreement with what God has said. We cannot be passive and have victory. If the enemy is trying to destroy us we have to stand against him. If we keep our mind stayed on Christ, he will keep us in perfect peace.

God doesn't have a plan for our life that doesn't involve faith. Faith comes by hearing the word and we can't please God without it. We have to realize and remember that faith is for more than Sundays, it is for everyday. Faith and grace go hand in hand. Grace is something God does that is independent of us. We can't earn it. Faith is a response to what God has done. The manifold grace of God is like a diamond, there are all sorts of aspects of it. Grace can look different based on the situation or phase of life and it could have multiple different definitions that are all true. It was God's grace that sent Jesus to the cross for us, now it's our faith that responds to it.

In the story of David and Goliath, faith rose up in David but his brother confronted him and put him down. There are always going to be people that look at us and judge us according to the flesh. But if we are in Christ, we are a new creation and our past is gone. God doesn't look at

where we came from to see if we qualify for more. It's not about how good we are, it's about how great God is.

Practical Application

Before David walked up to Goliath to fight him, his mouth was proclaiming victory. Faith isn't passive, it's always moving and speaking. We need to speak in agreement with God. Find his promises and not only read them, but believe and proclaim them.

Key Verses

- Psalms 84:4-7
- 1 Peter 5:8-9, 4:10
- Mark 4:17, 6:4
- 2 Corinthians 4:4, 5:16-17
- Ephesians 6:12, 3:20
- Romans 10:17, 10:8
- Matthew 4:1-7
- Proverbs 18:21
- 2 Timothy 2:24-26
- Joshua 1:8
- Isaiah 26:3
- 1 Samuel 17:28-29
- Philippians 2:9-11

Declarations (speak these out loud)

- *I already have victory in the name of Jesus.*
- *God has covered me in grace so now I live by faith.*
- *I know that no matter what the world around me says, I can come to God and receive truth and love.*
- *I live in alignment with the word of God and do not doubt for a second that God has good things for me.*

From Ephesians 2:8-9:

'For by grace I have been saved through faith. I receive this beautiful grace not because I deserve it but as a gift from my heavenly Father. There is nothing I can do to earn it. I am the workmanship of my Father and I have been built for good things that have been set aside for me.'

What's Next?

Life is full of challenges, but God equips us to face them with faith and victory. Through trials, we grow stronger, learn to stand firm, and live out the authority we have in Christ. Let's explore how we can apply these truths to our daily walk.

Step 1: Recognize and Embrace the Valley of Baca

Trials are an inevitable part of life, as Job reminds us, "Man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7). Instead of viewing challenges as permanent, see them as opportunities for growth and transformation, as described in Psalm 84:5. To navigate these valleys, build your life on the firm foundation of God's Word (Matthew 7:24-27). Trusting His principles provide strength and stability in every storm.

Step 2: Stand Firm in the Face of Adversity

Preparation is key to standing firm when adversity strikes. Strengthen your faith now, so you're ready when challenges come. Be vigilant against the enemy's attacks, actively resisting his schemes (1 Peter 5:8-9). Examine your life for areas of sin or disobedience that may be at the root of your struggles, and seek God's wisdom to address them (Proverbs 19:3).

Step 3: Embrace Your Authority and Live Victoriously

As a new creation in Christ, you have been given authority over the enemy (2 Corinthians 5:17). Stand firm in this truth and don't let fear or doubt shake your faith (Ephesians 6:10-18). Let your life reflect your confidence in God's promises by living in obedience, speaking life, and demonstrating the power of the Gospel through your actions.

Trials may come, but with God, we can face them with courage and victory. Embrace the valleys, stand firm, and live out your authority in Christ. Let's commit to walking in faith and living as overcomers, no matter what challenges arise.

Scripture References

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Psalm 84:4-6 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;

Psalm 23:4 NKJV Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

Psalm 84:6-7 NKJV The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength...

Romans 1:17 NKJV "The just shall live by faith."

Psalm 84:7 NKJV They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

Mark 4:17 NKJV and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

Isaiah 53:5 NKJV And by His stripes we are healed.

Mark 4:17 NKJV ...tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake...

Mark 4:17 NKJV ...immediately they stumble.

2 Corinthians 4:4 NKJV ...whose minds the god of this age...

Ephesians 6:12 TLB For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world...

1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV Fight the good fight of faith...

Ephesians 6:12 TLB...and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.

Ephesians 2:8 NKJV For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God...

1 Peter 4:10 NKJV ... as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Ephesians 2:8 NKJV For by grace you have been saved through faith...

2 Corinthians 5:19 NKJV ...that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV - But without faith it is impossible please Him...

Romans 1:17 NKJV "The just shall live by faith."

Hebrews 6:1 NKJV ...repentance from dead works and of faith toward God...

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV Be sober, be [v]igilant; because your adversary the devil...

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.

1 Peter 5:8-9 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...

1 Peter 5:9 ASV ...whom withstand steadfast in your faith...

1 Peter 5:9 NCV Refuse to give in to him, by standing strong in your faith.

Matthew 4:1 NKJV Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:2-4 NKJV And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

1 Peter 5:9 NCV Refuse to give in to him, by standing strong in your faith.

James 3:6 NKJV The tongue...is set on fire by hell.

Isaiah 53:4 CSB Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains...

Matthew 11:12 NKJV ...the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Revelation 12:11 NKJV And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...

2 Timothy 2:26 NKJV ...and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Psalms 84:6 NKJV They make it a spring...

Joshua 1:8 NKJV This 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.

1 Samuel 17:24 NKJV And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

1 Samuel 17:28-29 NKJV Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"

Mark 6:5 NKJV Now He could do no mighty work there...

2 Corinthians 5:16 NKJV Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh...

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Mark 16:15 NKJV "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

1 Samuel 17:32-33 NKJV Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...

Acts 1:8 NKJV But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...