



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Words of Faith (From Stressed to Blessed pt 6)

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

Got It | Know What You Have

Prayer Focus

"Thank you Jesus for your love that reaches past all of my brokenness and doubt. You are so gracious, you continue to speak, and you are on the move. Thank you for continuing to teach me about your love and goodness and for guiding my every step. As I learn more about you my faith is growing. Amen. "

Key Truths

In life there are highs and lows, mountains and valleys. When we reach a valley we aren't meant to stay there. In the story of David and Goliath, David was in the valley and overcame the giant. This story shows us that when we are up against the enemy, we have the permission and authority to stand up against the enemy.

When looking at the spirit of faith, we learn that it is more caught than it is taught. Reading the stories in the Bible, listening to pastors, and hanging out with the right people are some ways to catch on to faith. Our faith doesn't just see where we are at today, it sees where we are going to be down the road (the healing we are believing in, the provision we are waiting for...). Our faith doesn't make God do anything, it responds to the promises he already made.

Sometimes we can think if we just get where certain people are, we will receive what we have been waiting for. Romans 10:6-8 reminds us that the word is near us, in our mouth and in our heart. At the battle in the valley, David went to King Saul and offered to fight Goliath. David spoke faith over the situation, knowing that God was on his side. He ran at Goliath while speaking of victory. We can learn from David about speaking faith out loud. We have to stand against our enemy with our mouths working. Speaking words of faith and proclaiming what God has said.

We live way under our rights and privileges that we have in Christ. Meaning, we have access to so much more than we know how to use but the more we learn about the Father, the more we can step into our authority.

Practical Application

We have to know what God purchased for us and receive it by faith. God gave his one and only precious child so that we can walk in authority and healing.

What authority has been given to you? Take time and write it down today or this week.

Verses

- Psalms 84:4-7
- Mark 11:23
- 2 Corinthians 4:13
- Romans 10:6-8
- 1 Samuel 17:34-54
- Ephesians 4:11
- Genesis 1:26-28
- Luke 10:19
- Ecclesiastes 8:8
- 2 Peter 1:2-4

Declarations (speak out loud)

- *I am a new creation who has been saved purely by the grace of God.*
- *I know that life has its ups and down and I will prepare for the valleys before I get there.*
- *I will stand on the word of God to get me through when life tries to bring me down.*
- *The enemy has no place in my life, my body, my family, our schools, or in my finances.*
- *My God is an awesome God.*

What's Next?

As followers of Christ, we are called to live in the authority, power, and victory that He has given us. This involves understanding our identity in Him, standing firm against the enemy, and living a life that reflects the dominion of His Kingdom. Let's explore how to apply these principles and walk in the fullness of what God has for us.

Step 1: Understand Your Authority in Christ

As believers, we have been given authority through Christ to overcome the enemy and live

victoriously (Revelation 1:6). This begins with recognizing our position as kings in God's Kingdom and embracing the power of our words, which can create and manifest God's will in our lives (Proverbs 18:21). To fully walk in this authority, we must identify and overcome limiting beliefs that hinder our faith, such as thoughts of inadequacy or fear. Trusting in Christ, we can confidently step into our God-given role.

Step 2: Resist the Enemy and Stand Firm in Faith

The enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy, but God equips us to stand firm (Ephesians 6:10-18). Recognize the devil's tactics and resist him by declaring God's Word over your life (James 4:7). Speak life and healing over yourself and others, refusing to let negative thoughts or words take root. By grounding yourself in God's promises, you can withstand the enemy's attacks and maintain your peace, joy, and health.

Step 3: Live a Life of Kingdom Dominion

Living in Kingdom dominion means trusting that God has already provided for your needs (Matthew 7:7). By aligning your will with His through obedience and surrender, you allow His power to flow through you. Additionally, rely on the Holy Spirit to empower and guide you as you live a victorious and impactful life (Acts 1:8). This dominion isn't about personal gain but about advancing God's Kingdom and glorifying Him in all you do.

Walking in authority, resisting the enemy, and living in Kingdom dominion are essential aspects of the victorious Christian life. As you embrace your identity in Christ, stand firm in faith, and rely on the Holy Spirit, you'll reflect God's power and love to the world. Let's commit to living out these truths and fulfilling our purpose as ambassadors of His Kingdom.

Scripture References

Words of Faith

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;

Mark 11:23 NKJV For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Psalm 84:6-7 NKJV The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV And since we have the same spirit of faith...

Romans 10:6 NKJV But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way...

2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak...

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...

Romans 10:6-8 NKJV But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

Romans 10:8 NKJV "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

1 Samuel 17:32 NLT "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

1 Samuel 17:34-37 NKJV But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." Moreover David said, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Ephesians 4:11 NKJV And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers...

1 Samuel 17:42-43 NKJV And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

1 SAMUEL 17:45-50 NKJV Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day

I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.

1 Samuel 17:54 NKJV And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

Genesis 1:26 & 28 NKJV Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."...Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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.

Ecclesiastes 8:8 NKJV No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit...

2 Peter 1:2-4 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 who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.