



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: A New Kind of Power

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print it to study on your own or use it in a group to experience transformation together.

Message Theme

Once & For All

Prayer Focus

Lord, renew my mind with Your truth and anchor my heart in Your Word. Help me to live set apart—bold in faith, steady in grace, and filled with Your Spirit. May my life reflect Your love, and may my prayers rise with confidence, knowing You still move in power today. Amen.

Key Truths

The faith that transformed lives in the first century is the same faith that transforms lives today. God's truth doesn't evolve with culture - it stands apart from it. The Church has always been called to be countercultural, not a mirror of society. We're not meant to adopt the world's mindset; we're meant to be renewed by the mind of Christ.

We are the *called-out ones*—set apart to think, live, and love according to God's Word. Culture may preach that “good people go to Heaven,” but Scripture is clear: it's not goodness that saves, it's forgiveness. We are born again not by effort or reputation, but by the living and active Word of God.

In today's world, many try to explain away the supernatural, dismissing miracles as outdated or irrelevant. But the Spirit still moves. Scripture reminds us that although we now see in part, a day is coming when we will see God face to face—and be like Him. Until then, we walk by faith, trusting what we cannot yet fully understand. To believe in the name of Jesus is to recognize the power and authority it carries. That belief must be personal, not borrowed. We need our own revelation of who Jesus is—not just stories of what He's done for others, but a living relationship that shapes our prayers, our choices, and our hope. When we pray, it's not empty words—it's faith rising from the heart, anchored in what God has done and what He still desires to do in us.

Practical Application

The name of Jesus is not a lucky charm for us to use only when we need something. We are to believe in the name of Jesus. Let God's Word shape your daily decisions more than trends or opinions. Make space for personal revelation—set aside time to seek Jesus, not just information about Him. And when you pray, pray

from a place of expectancy, knowing that the same Spirit who moved in the early Church is still moving in you today.

Reference Verses

- Jude 1:3
- Romans 12:2
- John 17:17
- 1 Peter 1:23
- Acts 10:1-6, 4:12, 19:13-17, 1:8, 2:38-39
- 2 Timothy 3:14
- 1 Corinthians 13:8-13, 4:18-20
- 1 John 3:2
- Deuteronomy 29:29
- Mark 16:20
- 2 Timothy 3:5
- Colossians 2:15
- Revelation 12:11

Declarations:

- I am not conformed to this world—I am transformed by the renewing of my mind (Romans 12:2). I walk in truth, not trends, and I live by the Spirit, not by sight.
- I am forgiven, not because of my goodness, but because of God's grace through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). His Word is alive in me, shaping my identity, my choices, and my hope.
- The Spirit of God lives in me, empowering me to live boldly and love deeply (Romans 8:11). I am not powerless—I carry the presence of the living God.

What's Next?

In the message '*A New Kind of Power*' Pastor Duane gives a powerful call to action, urging us to stop being passive believers and to actively contend for the faith. This isn't about simply believing in God, but living a life that reflects His power and purpose. Here is a three-step guide to help you apply these principles to your everyday life.

Step 1: Seek the Kingdom of God Above All Else

The first step is to realign your priorities. The Bible makes it clear that the kingdom of God will only work in your life when He is first. This means your pursuit of God and His righteousness must take precedence over your career, your finances, your social life, and even your family. Evaluate where your time, energy, and resources are going. If the kingdom isn't first, make a conscious decision to shift your focus. This is a lifestyle, not a one-time choice, and it's the foundation for everything else.

Step 2: Know and Act on the Power of Jesus' Name

The power of the kingdom is not in words alone, but in the authority behind Jesus' name. This power is activated through the name of Jesus, but only if you have a personal understanding of why His name is so powerful. To apply this, you need to move beyond a casual understanding of the name of Jesus. Study why His blood redeems, why His defeat of Satan gives you authority, and why He came as a man to do what you can also do. When you truly know the power and authority behind His name, you can use it to speak to situations, cast out demons, and pray for the sick with faith and confidence.

Step 3: Be Countercultural and Don't Settle for "Just Words"

As believers we are challenged to be countercultural—to not conform to the world's standards or the "new kind of Christianity" that denies God's power. In 2 Timothy 3:5 Paul warns against being in a church that has a "form of godliness but denies its power." To apply this, choose to live a life that stands out for its love, truth, and supernatural results. If you are in a community where there is no power or signs, as a believer you should seek a place where the Word is confirmed and preached with power. This is about contending for the truth of God's Word and a living faith.

By consistently applying these three steps, you can move from simply hearing about your authority to living in the reality of God's power every single day.

Scripture References

A New Kind of Power

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.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

John 17:17 (NKJV) Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...

Acts 10:1-6 (NKJV) There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of

God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (MSG) Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way.

1 Cor 13:8-13 (NKJV) Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

1 John 3:2 (NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Deut 29:29 (NKJV) "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children..."

Acts 1:6-7 (NKJV) ...they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority."

1 Cor 4:18-20 (NKJV) Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

Mark 16:20 (KJV) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

2 Timothy 3:5 (NKJV) ...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Acts 4:12 (KJV) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

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...

Acts 19:13-17 (NKJV) Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you? Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded."

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

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Acts 1:8 (KJV) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:39 (KJV) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Revelation 12:11 (KJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.