



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Change the Narrative

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

Change The Narrative

Prayer Focus

"Father, I come before You with an open heart, asking You to align my thoughts, emotions, and desires with Your will. Plant Your Word deep within me and give me the grace to guard it with diligence. Clear out anything that clouds my vision, and fill me with faith, clarity, and expectancy. Lead me into the victory You've already prepared, and help me walk in Your truth with confidence and courage today. In Jesus name, Amen."

Key Truths

We have to take authority over our emotions instead of letting them steer our lives. When conviction comes, we repent quickly and fully. And we guard our hearts from bitterness, because people are not our enemy — the enemy is the enemy. We anchor ourselves by getting a word from God through Scripture, letting His voice shape our perspective.

Victory begins with vision. We cannot be filled with fear and doubt and still expect to walk in triumph. Our inner thoughts must be pointed toward the victory God has already promised. Miracles don't appear out of nowhere — they are conceived in the heart. As we read the Word, God plants a seed inside us. That seed must be watered, protected, and tended so faith can grow. We pull out the weeds of the enemy's lies and refuse to let them take root.

Faith begins where the will of God is known. Once we know His will, we can stand in confident expectation. God calls us to victory — not occasionally, but consistently. He leads us into triumph and teaches us how to see ourselves the way He sees us.

Not everything that happens in life is God's will. But like a GPS, He knows how to redirect us, restore us, and get us back on course. He can take what was meant for harm and turn it for good — not because He caused it, but because He is able to redeem it. Scripture becomes our mirror, showing us who we are, what belongs to us, and what God has promised. We claim those promises boldly while resisting the enemy's attempts to steal them.

Practical Application

We apply this by choosing each day to submit our emotions to God rather than letting them run our lives, responding quickly in repentance when the Holy Spirit convicts us, and refusing bitterness because people are not our enemy. We stay rooted in Scripture, letting God's Word plant a seed of victory in our hearts, and we actively guard that seed by pulling out fear, doubt, and every lie that tries to take root. When life goes off-course, we trust God to redirect us and use even the wrong turns for our good. Our call to action is simple: get in the Word daily, guard your thoughts intentionally, and speak the victory God has promised until your inner vision matches His.

Reference Verses

- 1 Samuel 30:1-12, 17:43-46
- 2 Corinthians 2:14-19
- Isaiah 26:3, 28:15
- Luke 22:42
- Joshua 1:8
- Romans 8:28, 10:17
- James 1:22
- Galatians 3:13
- Deuteronomy 28:2
- Colossians 1:12
- Isaiah 54:17
- Mark 4:24

Declarations:

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

- **God has qualified me** - for every blessing that Christ purchased for me through His death, burial, and resurrection
- **"I take authority over my emotions** — they do not lead my life."
- **"I repent quickly** — nothing will block my fellowship with God."
- **"I refuse bitterness** — people are not my enemy."
- **"I receive God's Word daily** — His truth shapes my vision."
- **"I guard the seed of faith** — fear and doubt have no place in me."
- **"I stand on God's will** — I expect what He has promised."
- **"I walk in total victory** — God always leads me to triumph."

What's Next?

Now it's time to put what you've learned into action. Here are three ways you can apply this message to your daily life:

1. Feed Your Mind Victory, Not Fear

This week, when fear or dread rises up about a situation, deliberately redirect your thoughts to what God's Word says about it instead of what circumstances say. Isaiah 26:3 promises perfect peace to "whose mind is stayed on you." Pick one promise related to your current struggle and meditate on it daily — morning and night — letting it take root rather than letting worry choke it out (Mark 4).

2. Get a Word from God Before You Act

Like David inquiring of the Lord before pursuing the Amalekites, take time this week to seek God's specific direction rather than guessing or reacting emotionally. Spend time in Scripture and prayer asking, "What does God's Word say is true here?" and let that — not assumptions or fear — determine your next move.

3. Claim What's Already Yours

Colossians 1:12 says God has qualified you to share in the inheritance — but it must be claimed, not just believed in the abstract. This week, identify one area where you've been passively hoping instead of actively declaring God's promises over your life (health, finances, relationships, etc.), and make a specific, out-loud declaration of faith over it daily, resisting the temptation to negotiate with fear or doubt.