



## Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Endued with 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

More Than Salvation

### Prayer Focus

*"Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness and for the gift of Your Holy Spirit. As I begin, open my heart to trust You the way Abraham did and to receive everything You've made available through Jesus. Fill me with fresh faith, fresh clarity, and fresh power. Let Your Spirit lead me, speak to me, and empower me today. In Jesus Name, Amen."*

### Key Truths

Pentecost marks the birth of the church and the moment the Holy Spirit was poured out on God's people. Long before that day, God spoke to an aging, childless Abraham and promised that he would become the father of many nations. When Abraham asked how such a thing could be possible, God established a covenant — a binding promise — to show that His word was unshakeable.

Later, God asked Abraham to place his son Isaac on the altar. This wasn't about cruelty; it was a test of covenant faithfulness. Abraham needed to demonstrate that he trusted God completely. In the end, God provided a ram and spared Isaac — and generations later, God fulfilled His own covenant by giving His only Son, Jesus, as the sacrifice for the sins of the world.

After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, He told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit because receiving the Spirit was essential. At Pentecost, the Spirit came with power, enabling ordinary people to become bold witnesses.

When we say yes to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us — guiding, convicting, and transforming us from within. But Scripture also speaks of the **baptism of the Holy Spirit**, a distinct empowering where believers are filled, strengthened, and equipped for ministry.

**Speaking in tongues** is one expression of that empowerment. It's prayer that flows from our spirit directly to God, bypassing our natural understanding. It's not our mind doing the talking — it's our spirit

communicating with His Spirit.

## **Practical Application**

Respond to God with the same trust Abraham showed and the same openness the early church had. Because Jesus fulfilled the covenant and poured out the Holy Spirit, we don't live by our own strength anymore. We get to invite the Spirit into our everyday decisions, obey even when we don't see the full picture, and ask God to continually empower us. Practically, that means slowing down enough to listen for His voice, stepping out when He nudges us, and using the gifts He gives - including praying in the Spirit - to build up our faith and serve others. We live differently because the Spirit lives in us.

## **Reference Verses**

- John 16:7, 20:19-22
- Genesis 12:3, 15:17, 22:15
- Galatians 3:16, 3:13-14
- Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4, 2:37-39, 8:5-6, 8:12-17, 19:2-7
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Luke 11:13
- 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14:14
- Jude 1:20-23
- Isaiah 28:11

## **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.

- The same God who kept His covenant with Abraham is faithful to keep His promises to me.
- Because of Jesus' sacrifice, I stand fully forgiven, fully accepted, and fully loved.
- The Holy Spirit lives in me, guides me, and empowers me every day.
- I am not limited by my own strength — I am strengthened by the Spirit of God.

## **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. Pray in the Spirit First**

Before you bring your requests to God in your own words, spend time praying in tongues first. Pastor Duane teaches that your spirit prays what your mind doesn't know — and often, revelation and clarity will follow. Make it a habit: pray in the Spirit, *then* pray with your understanding.

## **2. Ask for the Baptism — and Keep Asking**

Jesus said God will give the Holy Spirit to all those who ask. If you haven't received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, ask today. If you have, ask daily for a fresh empowerment. This isn't a one-time event — it's an ongoing relationship with the One who was promised to you.

## **3. Let the Refreshing Be Your Reset**

When burnout, weariness, or overwhelm creeps in, resist the urge to just push through. Isaiah calls praying in tongues "the rest" and "the refreshing." Make it your daily reset button — especially in moments of stress or spiritual dryness — and watch how God renews your strength from the inside out.