



## Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Unlocking 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.

### Prayer

*"Thank you God for all of the promises you made that pertain to me. Thank you for standing on your word and being faithful to complete what you said you would. I know you have good and beautiful things in store for me and I will trust what you say. Amen."*

### Message Theme

Promises Made, Promises Kept

### Key Truths

The promises of God cover everything related to life and Godliness. They are all yes and amen IN HIM, which is where we are.

It is important that we know how grace and faith work together.

- Grace is unmerited, undeserved, and not worked for.
- Faith is our response to what God has done.

We can't get God to do anything he hasn't already done. "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" 2 Peter 1:2-4

Faith begins with knowledge, we can't have faith for what we don't know. We gain knowledge by getting in the word of God.

Jesus paid for it all. On the cross he purchased all things, all the promises for us.

We can't have experiential theology, basing our faith on how we think God shows up. We have to have our theology based on the promises of God. We don't want to assume God will be with us or supply something for us. We have to find where it is written in the word and stand on that truth.

All of the promises we find in the Bible go back to Abraham. While God was making promises to Abram, he told him that he would be the father of many nations and changed his name to Abraham (meaning father of many nations). At this time Abraham had no children but stood on the promise that God had given him. He was calling himself healed before he saw healing. God said he would do it and it is impossible for him to lie. Also,

he swore by himself. Knowing this, we can say with certainty that God is watching over his word to perform it.

God calls into existence that which does not exist. When we speak God's word, we are calling something into existence. When we call on a promise, it comes. When it seems impossible to us in the natural, we have to keep our eyes on the cross and our attention on God's promise.

'Abraham grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, FULLY convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.' Abraham didn't start strong in faith, he grew strong in faith by giving Glory to God.

God is giving us the Kingdom but the devil stands in opposition to every blessing God has for us. We need to go in like the children of Israel and dispossess the enemy.

## **Practical Application**

Just because a promise belongs to us doesn't mean we are going to receive it. We have to acknowledge its truth and that it belongs to us.

What verse or promise are you standing on? Find a verse to go along with what you are believing for and declare it over your situation.

## **Reference Verses**

- 2 Corinthians 1:20, 6:17-18
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 Peter 1:2-4
- Jeremiah 15:16, 1:12
- Psalms 103:2-3, 138:2, 89:34
- Luke 4:16-21
- Philemon 1:6
- Numbers 13:26-33, 14:23-24
- Hebrews 4:2, 6:12-19
- Joshua 21:43-45
- John 15:7
- Galatians 3:29
- Romans 4:17-22
- Ephesians 6:12
- 1 Timothy 6:12

## **Declarations** (to be spoken out loud)

*God is watching over his word and he is faithful to complete what he said he would.*

*My heavenly father says, and I agree...*

*I am a child of God.*

*I am seated at Christ's right hand.*

*I have all things under my feet.*

*I have been saved by grace through faith - a gift of God.  
I am deeply loved by God.*

### **What's Next?**

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

## **Scripture References Unlocking Faith**

**2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV** For all the promises of God...

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

**2 Peter 1:2-3 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...

**2 Peter 1:3 NKJV** ...has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge...

**2 Peter 1:3-4 NKJV** ...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.

**Jeremiah 15:16 NKJV** Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart...

**2 Corinthians 6:17-18 NKJV** Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty."

**2 Corinthians 7:1 NKJV** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Psalm 103:2-5 NKJV** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction...Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Psalm 138:2 NKJV** For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

**Jeremiah 1:12 NKJV** "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

**Luke 4:16-17 NKJV** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written...

**Mark 16:20 KJV** ...confirming the word with signs following.

**Luke 4:17-20 NKJV** ...he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book...

**Luke 4:20-21 NKJV** Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**Philemon 1:6 KJV** ...That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

**Numbers 13:27-32 NKJV** Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying...

**Numbers 13:32-33 NKJV** ..."The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

**Numbers 14:23-24 NKJV** ...they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

**Hebrews 4:2 NKJV** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

**Joshua 21:43-45 NKJV** So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

**Numbers 14:44-45 NKJV** But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop. Nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of the Lord nor Moses departed from the camp. Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain came down and attacked them, and drove them back...

**John 15:7 NKJV** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**Hebrews 6:12 NKJV** ...that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**Hebrews 6:13-19 NKJV** For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...

**Galatians 3:29 NKJV** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**Psalms 89:34 NKJV** My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

**Romans 4:17 ESV** ...as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Romans 4:18-20 ESV** "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God...

**Romans 4:20-21 ESV** No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

**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...

**Ephesians 6:12 NKJV** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers...

**1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...