

BEYOND SUNDAY

A SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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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 & PRAYER FOCUS

"Deep Calls to Deep"

"Father God, I thank you that your word renews my mind, teaching me to think your way. I pray that you would grow in me a deeper desire for you and your Word. I believe that what you say is true. Continue to empower me to live a righteous and Spirit-led life before you, in Jesus' name. Amen."

KEY TRUTHS & APPLICATIONS

Romans 1:21 talks about how the people fell away from God by doing four things. If we take these four things and put them in reverse, it shows us clear steps to take growing closer to Him.

1. Glorify God.
2. Be thankful.
3. Recognize the power of our imagination (meditate on God's word).
4. Have a good heart.

To focus on glorifying God, means to exalt and consider Him to be right, over our personal preference, culture, and what the world says. The Lord told Abraham that he was going to be the father of many nations, but Abraham was roughly one hundred years old and had no children of his own at that point. Abraham didn't look at his own body and doubt. He remained unwavering as he waited on God's promise, praising God, and growing strong in his faith. He minimized the

things that were not a part of the Kingdom of God and His promise, while focusing on the things that were, and what God had told him.

“Faith is believing and acting as if what God said to you in his word is true, it's responding to what He has said.”

In 2 Corinthians, Paul disesteemed (devalued) all that he had been through in the past and looked only to God's future for him and the reward that would be there. He looked at his severe pain and turmoil and still called it a “light affliction, which is but for a moment.” Our troubles and pain, however long we have them or how deep they go, are temporary compared to the eternal glory that can be found when we focus on God and what He is doing in the world.

The world tells us that if we just had more we would be happy, but anything that is prioritized or admired over the word of God needs to be removed or reevaluated. We shouldn't place greater value in things of this life than in the things of God. Earthly things may not be bad, but we have to esteem God's word as more valuable.

God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. When something comes into our hands, part of that is for us. Our first thought, when we find ourselves in abundance, should be to take the blessing and see what we can do for others, ultimately worshiping God and giving back to Him.

Every time we do something God's way, it strengthens and builds us up. When we miss the mark, it doesn't make God love us any less, but it does make us love God less because we've turned our hearts away from Him. The more we sin, the easier it gets to do so.

Key Verses:

- Romans 1:21, 4:19-21
- 2 Corinthians 4:17, 9:8-10, 10:4-5, 11:23-29
- Hebrews 3:3, 11:24-26, 12:2
- Mark 4:19
- Luke 14:16-23
- Deuteronomy 8:18, 30:11
- Proverbs 10:29, 11:24
- Psalms 42:7, 119:72, 138
- 3 John 2
- Malachi 3:10
- Philippians 3:7-8

DECLARATIONS

“My faith in God means I trust and believe everything God says, and I value Him and His word over everything else. Every time I do something God’s way, I know I am strengthened and my faith continues to be built as I see Him be faithful to His word. I believe that when I pursue the Lord, I will find Him. I will glorify and praise the Lord all the days of my life.”

WHAT’S NEXT?

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



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