



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: The Secret to a Holy Life

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

“Right Where You Are: Living in God’s Will Through Daily Faithfulness”

God’s will is not primarily about finding the perfect *place* — it’s about becoming the right *person* and serving Him wholeheartedly wherever you are.

Prayer Focus

As you pray this week focus on these topics:

1. A heart surrendered to God’s Word — not shaping Scripture to fit our lives, but shaping our lives to fit Scripture.
 2. Freedom from fear of “getting it wrong.”
 3. Faithfulness in current assignments — home, job, school, family, church.
 4. Sensitivity to God’s voice and redirection.
 5. Boldness to share your testimony and live on mission daily.
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Key Truths

1. God’s primary way of giving direction is His Word

- If you want a word from God, be in the Word of God.
- Many decisions are already settled because Scripture is clear.
- Time in the Word trains us to recognize God’s voice.

 *Ephesians 5:17, Colossians 1:9, Romans 12:2*

2. God's will is more about who you are than where you are

- His will is not a hidden dot on a map — it's a holy life.
- Seek first the Kingdom; everything else flows from that.
- The center of God's will = serving Him right where you are with what you have.

 *Matthew 6:33, 1 Corinthians 7:17*

3. Ordinary work becomes holy when done for God

- There is no “secular vs sacred” divide in God's eyes.
- Making a bed, running a business, studying, parenting — all holy when surrendered.
- Motive sanctifies the task.

 *Colossians 3:23*

Truth: **It's not what you do — it's why you do it.**

4. Don't freeze in fear of making the wrong choice

- We often treat God's will like one wrong turn ruins everything.
- Scripture shows God redirects surrendered people.
- Be more afraid of doing nothing than doing something imperfectly.

 Saul → Paul (Acts 9)

Truth: **God can redirect movement, but He can't steer a parked life.**

5. God uses you in the season you're in — even if you didn't choose it

- Joseph thrived as a slave.
- The healed demoniac was sent back home, not forward with Jesus.
- Sometimes faithfulness means staying, apologizing, loving, serving again.

Truth: **Encounter with God should transform how we live in our current environment.**

6. Your testimony is a weapon

- People can argue doctrine; they can't argue your story.
- Sharing what Jesus has done is part of overcoming.

 *Revelation 12:11*

Practical Application

This week, live out God's will by:

1. Daily Word time – even short, consistent time to align your thinking.
2. Reframing your current role
 - Student → missionary on campus
 - Parent → discipler at home
 - Employee → representative of Christ at work
3. Work with integrity
 - No cutting corners
 - No complaining spirit

- Excellence as worship
- 4. Stop waiting for “someday ministry”
 - Serve now
 - Love now
 - Obey now
- 5. Share your story with one person this week.
- 6. When you mess up, resubmit — don’t retreat.

Spoken Declarations

(To be spoken aloud in faith.)

- “God is not waiting to use me — He is using me right now.”
- “Where I am is an assignment, not an accident.”
- “I choose faithfulness over fear.”
- “My work is worship when it is done for the Lord.”
- “I will not shape God’s Word to my life — I shape my life to His Word.”
- “If I miss it, God will redirect me.”
- “I serve God right where I am with what I have.”
- “My testimony has power.”

What’s Next?

We often spend a significant amount of energy stressing over the "big" decisions in life, wondering which career path to take, who to marry, or where to live, fearing that one wrong turn will ruin God's plan for us. However, this message suggests that finding divine direction is less about decoding a secret map for your future and more about how you conduct yourself in the present. By shifting your focus from the destination to your current posture, you can live within God's will immediately. Here is how to put that into practice.

Step 1: Immerse Yourself in Scripture to Eliminate Guesswork The first practical step is to commit to reading the Bible consistently, adopting the mindset that "if you want a word from God, you must be in the Word of God." The message argues that many of our questions about what to do are actually unnecessary because the answers are already written down. By knowing the Bible, you learn to recognize God’s voice and understand His moral will without needing to pray for signs regarding things He has already clearly addressed. You must mold your life to the Word rather than trying to fit the Word into your current understanding. This foundational step ensures that your daily actions align with general righteousness, giving you the confidence that you are starting from a place of wisdom rather than acting thoughtlessly.

Step 2: Apply the "Whatever" Principle to Mundane Tasks Once you are grounded in the Word, you must shift your focus from *what* you are doing to *how* you are doing it. The guide here is to embrace the "whatever" command found in Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." This means you stop compartmentalizing God into a Sunday morning time slot or a specific prayer time and instead invite Him into every activity, whether you are washing dishes, doing laundry, driving, or working a job you dislike. The goal is to perform every task—no matter how menial—with excellence and gratitude, viewing it as a direct service to God. This perspective releases

you from the anxiety of making the "wrong" career choice, because you realize that God can use you on any path as long as your motive is to glorify Him.

Step 3: Serve Faithfully Where You Are Right Now The final step is to stop waiting for a better opportunity to start serving God and instead bloom where you are currently planted. The message uses the example of David, who was anointed king but immediately went back to tending sheep; he didn't wait for the palace to start acting with a kingly heart. You are encouraged to embrace your current season—even if it is difficult or feels like a detour—as God's appointed place for you today. If you are faithful in the "little things" you have now, God will trust you with larger things later. Instead of wishing you were somewhere else, choose to serve, love, and obey God in your current home, classroom, or workplace, trusting that this faithfulness is the true center of His will.

Ultimately, this approach to life removes the paralyzing fear of missing out on your destiny. By anchoring yourself in Scripture, doing your work heartily for the Lord, and stewarding your current situation with integrity, you ensure that you are walking in God's will regardless of your specific circumstances. You have the freedom to make choices and move forward, knowing that as long as your heart is submitted to Him in the present, He will guide your steps toward the future.