



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Are You Speaking

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

Speak Your Faith. Change Your Future

Prayer Focus

"Father, thank You for placing Your kingdom within me and filling me with a spirit of faith. Align my heart with Your truth and my words with Your promises. Help me reject fear and carry an atmosphere of faith everywhere I go. Thank You that I am justified through Jesus alone. Shape my thoughts, guide my speech, and let my life reflect Your presence within me today. Amen."

Key Truths

There are two essential parts to faith: **believing in the heart** and **speaking with the mouth**. Faith isn't passive or silent; it's activated when what we believe lines up with what we declare. Just like faith can be caught, fear can be caught, too. Both are contagious atmospheres. Spend enough time around either one, and it begins to shape how you think, speak, and respond to life.

The kingdom of God isn't simply a destination we hope to reach after death. God designed His kingdom to live within us right now, influencing how we think, how we love, and how we move through the world. It's meant to be a present reality, not just a future hope.

We are not justified by what we do or don't do, we are justified because Christ went to the cross on our behalf. But some people live like museum keepers—always looking backward, preserving memories of what God *used* to do, never expecting anything new. Others live like settlers—comfortable, coasting, content with spiritual survival instead of spiritual growth. But God is calling for **pioneers**—people who hunger for fresh revelation, and deeper transformation. Pioneers don't camp around yesterday's miracles; they pursue tomorrow's possibilities.

Whether we realize it or not, **our words carry weight**. They shape atmospheres, influence hearts, and set the direction of our lives. Scripture shows us that the entire universe was formed by the words God spoke in Genesis. If words carried that kind of creative power then, they still carry power now.

Practical Application

You have the power to speak death or life over your life, your family, your work, your marriage, and every

situation you face. So today, make a deliberate choice: align your words with the future that God says you have—the one you want to see, not the fear you feel. Start small—bless your home out loud, speak encouragement over someone who needs it, and declare God's promises over the places that feel stuck. Your words are seeds, and what you plant today will shape the atmosphere you live in tomorrow.

Reference Verses

- 2 Corinthians 4:13, 5:21
- Mark 11:23
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- Romans 10:17, 10:9-10, 1:16
- James 3:5
- Proverbs 18:21
- Matthew 12:37
- Genesis 2:19, 4:6-7
- Acts 11:14
- Deut 30:19
- Hebrews 2:3, 11:6
- Psalms 103:2-6
- Ecclesiastes 8:8
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Luke 10:19-20

Declarations

- "I declare that the kingdom of God lives within me. His presence shapes how I think, how I love, and how I walk through this world today—not someday."
- "I declare that I will not live as a museum keeper or a settler. I am a pioneer in the Spirit, hungry for fresh revelation, new growth, and deeper transformation."
- "I declare that I am justified—not by my performance, my perfection, or my past—but by the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross."
- "I declare that my life is being shaped by God's truth, not by fear, doubt, or the limitations of my past. I am being transformed from glory to glory."

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. Audit and Align Your Speech

Since "death and life are in the power of the tongue," take time each day to monitor your reactions to challenges. Instead of speaking the problem (e.g., "I'm always getting sick" or "This situation is hopeless"), intentionally speak the solution found in scripture. Practice saying what God says about your situation before

you feel the results.

2. Move from "Museum Keeper" to "Pioneer"

Avoid the trap of only focusing on past spiritual victories. To apply the spirit of faith today, ask yourself: *"What is God doing in my life right now?"* Actively seek "new ground" by setting new faith goals or helping others, ensuring your spiritual walk is characterized by current movement rather than past nostalgia.

3. Surround Yourself with Faith-Filled People

Because fear and faith are both "catchy," be intentional about your inner circle. Spend time with people who challenge you to believe bigger and speak better. Just as the Israelites were told to send the fearful home so they wouldn't discourage others, you should prioritize environments that "rub off" on you with boldness and spiritual confidence.



If hearing God or anything mentioned in this study is new to you then we invite you to take the Next Step. Further information can be found at reslife.org/nextsteps