

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.

Our hope is that the living, breathing words of truth that are revealed to you become a part of your everyday life. In the book of James, we read about a key to living life with God. We are told that if we ask for wisdom by faith then we shall receive it generously from our Father in Heaven. One of the best ways to receive this wisdom is by preparing to receive it. We invite you to pray this prayer prior to the message and starting the study guide:

"God, thank You for Your truth and wisdom. Help me to see what I need to see, hear what I need to hear, and know what I need to know. Holy Spirit, help me to understand in a way that shows me the Father's true nature and heart. May this time help me to know You more and become more like Jesus. Amen."

MESSAGE THEME

Pastor Duane's Testimony

KEY CONCEPTS/TRUTHS

Everybody has a story, and it's meant to be shared. Our story gives understanding to how and why we do what we do.

Everybody has a God-shaped hole in our heart and nothing we can put in there will fill it except for God.

Church attendance and going through the motions doesn't make us a Christian any more than living in a garage makes us a car.

The most dangerous thing is to know and be certain of something that is not true.

Our relationship with God does not depend on our feelings. It depends on God's word.

Key Verses: Acts 1:8 • Romans 8:29 • Romans 10:9,13 • Proverbs 3:5-6

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers out.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it out.

REAL-LIFE APPLICATION

Jesus is not worried about cultural rules or peoples' messed up circumstances. He wants to get involved in our lives in order for us to experience Him. We have an opportunity to share that experience and relationship with others through our testimony.

Testimonies bring people to Jesus because they focus on the redemptive nature, story, grace, and good work of God in us. Everyone has a testimony. What's yours?

Check out this short video on the power of testimonies:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNlvvL6w35E&feature=emb_title

If you'd like more resources for this video visit reslife.org/faithessentials for a guide including video notes, reflection questions, and more.

THIS WEEK'S 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.

- I thank God for the testimonies that He's given me.
- I know there is power in sharing my testimonies.
- As I share what God has done in my life, I know that He is glorified.

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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