

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

God Can Use Me!

"Lord, bless me today with a fresh filling of your Holy Spirit to bless others and show them your heart. Allow the truth you have for me through this message to penetrate my heart. Allow me to see through your eyes, hear with your ears, and feel with your heart so that I might follow your Spirit. Lead me in ministering your grace to those around me, in Jesus' name. Amen!"

KEY CONCEPTS/TRUTHS

Knowledge of scripture is like knowing what's on God's menu, but ordering from God's menu is the experiential component.

Jesus died so that the power of God could enter us through His Holy Spirit. His Spirit has given us gifts to equip and support each other for ministering. We don't need titles, need to meet certain requirements, or to follow special rules for the power of God to operate, heal, and save lives.

Don't make a law out of a principle. We minister out of the grace that has been given to us and that grace triumphs over principles.

In ministering to someone, we must remain open to how God wants to work. God can heal any way He pleases.

Having intimacy with God, hearing Him, and recognizing His ways allows us to co-labor with Him.

More people will see God's glory and be healed when more Christians pray for healing.

We don't have to be an apostle or the church pastor to minister to someone. God is the one that heals and delivers.

Beware of anointing takers. People, thoughts, and things can wear us down and give us a perspective that is different from God's.

When we operate in the power of God and in the Holy Spirit's gifts, people will be edified, built up, and equipped to operate in that same power.

Key Verses:

Mark 16:17 • John 14:12-14 • Matthew 9:22, 29 • Matthew 21:21 • Mark 11:21-24

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.

DAILY APPLICATION

Grace over principles means that our sovereign God will move as He pleases. We know His nature doesn't change, but He can't be put into a box of process, functionality, and law. He'll break out every time. Because of this, it is our responsibility to remain close to Him and so filled with His Spirit that we can hear, see, and sense how He wants to move. We've been given an invitation to join Him in healing. We've been invited regardless of our past, our position, or preference.

The thing about an invitation is that it takes one person to invite and another to accept for what has been decided upon to take place. A party does not take place without an invitation, nor can one exist without people showing up. As we accept His invitation to be a part of people's healing, we can rest in the fact that He will use us to heal. He wouldn't invite us to be a part of people's healing if He didn't intend to use us to manifest it.

Jesus spoke truth when saying that we would do greater works as He went to the Father. In sending the Holy Spirit to empower, lead, and guide us we can walk in every invitation that God extends to us.

So, what's your invitation?

He's given you a realm of influence and relationships to participate in. Engage in those relationships this week, follow the Holy Spirit's leading, and watch Him use you to bring healing physically, emotionally, and spiritually right where He has placed you already.

THIS WEEK'S DECLARATIONS

I recognize God's desire to heal and I accept the Holy Spirit's gift of healing to operate through me. As I go about my day I remain available and anticipate the Holy Spirit's leading and presence. I am ready to partner with Him to bring healing into people's lives and show God's love. I desire spiritual gifts and the power of God flowing through me for the benefit of those I minister to around me. I know it is the power of God that operates through me. He is the source of all healing, destiny, and love that people experience because of His gifts through me in Jesus' name!

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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