

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

Holy Spirit in Our Lives Today

"Father, I thank you for your Holy Spirit. I thank you for the good work that you have begun in me by your Spirit and that you have promised to continue that good work. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear your truth as you lead me through it every day of my life. I open my heart to receive all that you have for me in Jesus' name. Amen!"

KEY CONCEPTS/TRUTHS

God tests everybody's faithfulness in four ways:

- in small things
- in secret
- in our money handling
- in serving other people

God proves Himself faithful to us and our part of the covenant is to prove ourselves faithful to Him.

Jesus is still at work in His ministry today. He makes intercession for us through prayer to the Father, He is the high priest of our confession, and He is our baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us as we are baptized in Him, we receive power to be witnesses for Christ.

The promise of the Holy Spirit is for all whom God has called and has received Christ. The normal pattern that we see modeled in scripture for receiving the Holy Spirit is to first believe in Jesus, be baptized in water, and then ask to receive the Holy Spirit to begin walking in authority and power.

When baptism in the Holy Spirit takes place, there is some evidence that takes hold inside of us. There is a deeper compassion for lost people, a greater readiness to serve, a heightened hunger for spiritual things, a greater belief in the spiritual realm, healings, deliverances, and power to be a witness.

We receive the Holy Spirit by faith.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit happens at a moment in time, but it is a continual journey and process of being filled with and immersed in Him. Anyone who has received the Holy Spirit can lay hands on people and share the same Holy Spirit with others.

Jesus said that when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit that we will speak in new tongues, or languages, and every author of the New Testament was a speaker in tongues.

When we speak in tongues, it is our spirit that is speaking directly to God. It's the Holy Spirit's way of bypassing our brain and getting our mouths to pray exactly what we need when we need it.

Praying in tongues builds up our faith spiritually. When we are spiritually strong, we are able to help others out of the strength that is in us.

God gives good gifts because He is our good Father. We need only to ask and receive.

Key Verses:

Galatians 3:13-14 • Luke 11:9-13 • Luke 16:10-12 • Matthew 3:11 • Romans 8:9 • John 20:22 • 1 Corinthians 14:2 • 1 Corinthians 14:14 • Acts 1:4-8 • Acts 2:1-4 • Acts 38-40 • Acts 8:5-17 • Acts 19:1-6 • Jude 1:20

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

When cups have holes, they leak. It's what naturally happens. Spiritually, we were designed to leak, and that is a great thing for two reasons. The first reason that spiritually leaking is beneficial is when we recognize the opportunity that we have to be continuously filled.

We are constantly filling ourselves with something, but it is for us to determine what we are plugged into as the source of that filling in order to receive it. How we spend our time, where we place our attention throughout the day, and the things we turn to first are very telling as to what, or who, we are filling ourselves with. Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing, to speak in tongues directly with our Father, and

to heed His words and be doers of them. We can't do these things and minister to others without being filled by the Ultimate Filler--the Holy Spirit.

The second beneficial factor of leaking spiritually is that we can pour out what's inside of us to those around us. God designed us to live in community and relationship, being conduits of His love, joy, peace, and everything else that His Holy Spirit brings. The healing and deliverance that came out of Jesus was a result of Him being filled. Jesus Himself told us that those same things will come out of us too as we remain filled, yet leaking, with the power of the Holy Spirit.

When we are plugged into God as our source and filler, we will affect the world around us. As we stay connected to each other, we will advance the Kingdom of God tangibly for the world to witness. We know that when the world witnesses God's miraculous power, miracles will happen and lives will be made new. We have but only to ask God for His Spirit, to trust, and to follow.

THIS WEEK'S DECLARATIONS

"I accept God's reality for my life, and I adopt His perspective of who I am. I receive the Holy Spirit and His filling. The Holy Spirit has His way in me, and I will follow where He leads. I speak in new tongues through my spirit directly to my Father God. I continuously ask for the Holy Spirit to freshly fill me with His power and love. I don't look to be filled by the things of this world or by my own ability to minister to those around me. I choose to look to God as the source of my identity and power, and I receive everything that He has for 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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