

BEYOND SUNDAY



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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.

PRAYER

"God, thank you that your love has been poured out for me. God give me a revelation of your love and of who you have created me to be. Would you fill me with your power and surround me with other people who love you? Thank you for having your way in me. In Jesus name, Amen."

MESSAGE THEME

DIVINE INFLUENCE | GOD'S ROLE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

KEY TRUTHS

Around the 4th of July we are reminded that our nation is so different from other nations. We are blessed with freedom that most people don't get to experience. In the founding era, it wasn't a problem for people to point out that there was a God and so our nation was formed with the Creator at the center.

Three truths we learn from the Declaration of Independence:

1. The acknowledgement that there is a Divine Creator. "All men are created equal, and are endowed by their creator.." to acknowledge God and obey his will. Church and government were not separated.
2. Not only is there a God but inalienable rights come from him. ".. they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.." This means that there are certain things that don't belong to the government. An unalienable right is "a right which God gave to you and which no inferior power has a right to take away." - John Dickenson
3. The Government exists to protect inalienable rights. "...that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men..."

Everything written in the constitution was to keep us God conscious.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Three challenges for us:

- We have to be good stewards of what God has given us. We are going to stand before God and answer for our actions
- Be able to speak the truth.
- Patriotism. Being able to stand up for our country, voting, and speaking the truth. Missionaries go to a country because they love it and they want to help where they can. We have to love the country we are in and help however we can.

REFERENCE VERSES

- Proverbs 10:22
- Genesis 9:6
- Romans 1:28
- Exodus 18:21
- John 14:6
- Revelation 21:8
- Jeremiah 29:7

DECLARATIONS

“I was put on this Earth for such a time as this. As a Christian and American I have the privilege of stewarding well what God has blessed me with. I also have the wonderful ability to speak out and stand up for the Kingdom of God. I get to pray for our leaders whether I agree with them or not and stand in faith for a better future for the next generations”.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything 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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