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Preach Like The Giants A 5-Step Sermon Structure

Every pastor wants to preach with the clarity and impact of the greats but feels their own messages fall flat. This video reveals the powerful 5-point framework used by preaching legends, providing a step-by-step guide to structure sermons that are doctrinally sound and deeply transformative.

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(Intro)

Every pastor has been there. You've poured fifteen, maybe twenty hours into deep study. Your desk is buried under a landscape of commentaries, theological journals, and personal notes. You've got a mountain of research, a forest of highlights on the page, and you are absolutely convinced the biblical text in front of you is potent, life-altering truth. You can feel the weight and the glory of it in your spirit.

But then Sunday comes.

You step into the pulpit, you deliver the message... and as you walk back to your seat, that familiar, sinking feeling starts to creep in. It wasn't a bad sermon. It just... wasn't what it could have been. The message that felt so powerfully clear in your study came out disjointed.

The truth that moved you to your core seemed to land on the congregation with a polite thud. The flow felt clunky, the points didn't quite connect, and the impact—the transformation you prayed for—just wasn't there.

People are kind. They say, "Nice sermon, pastor," but you know. You know it was a 6 out of 10 when the text itself was a 10 out of 10.

And in those moments of quiet frustration, you think about the giants. You listen to the sermons of the legends of the faith, past and present, and you're just left in awe.

You wonder, "How do they do it? How do they craft sermons that are so consistently clear, so deeply compelling, and so profoundly transformative?" Their messages feel less like a lecture and more like a

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journey. They don't just present information; they guide people to a divine encounter.

What if I told you it's not magic? That it's not just a matter of natural gifting or charisma? What if I told you that behind the art of their preaching, there's a powerful, intentional architecture? For decades, I've been convinced that the greatest preachers operate, consciously or subconsciously, from a robust framework that turns scattered insights into a cohesive, Spirit-empowered experience. It's a structure that ensures their sermons aren't just doctrinally sound, but are built for maximum life-changing impact.

My name is [Your Name], and for the last [Number] years, I've preached over a thousand sermons, I've written books on this subject, and I've coached hundreds of pastors who feel that exact same Sunday-afternoon frustration.

And in this video, I'm going to pull back the curtain. I'm giving you the blueprint. I'm going to show you the exact 5-step sermon structure the giants use, so you can take the very same research you're already doing and shape it into a message that carries the clarity, the power, and the impact you've always prayed it would have. This is the framework that will help you move from simply speaking a sermon to truly preaching the Word.

The Foundation: Beyond the 3-Point Sermon

Now, before we jump into the five steps, we need to understand what we're building on. For generations, the gold standard in our homiletics classes was the traditional three-point sermon. We all learned it: have an intro, make three points, and have a conclusion. Each point usually had an explanation, an illustration, and an application. And let's be clear: there's nothing inherently wrong with this model. It has served the church for a long time, and its popularity is rooted in a simple truth—our brains

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like things in threes. It provides a basic, logical flow that brings some order to our thoughts.

Similarly, we have other great models out there. Many of us know Andy Stanley's fantastic ME-WE-GOD-YOU-WE structure, which is brilliant at creating a relational journey for the listener.

It starts with personal struggle, builds common ground, points to God's solution, calls for personal application, and ends with a vision for the community. Others have championed narrative structures that build tension and resolve it with the truth of the text.

These methods are popular because they work. They recognize that a sermon needs more than a data dump; it needs connection, tension, and a clear call to action.

But here's what I've found: while these structures provide an excellent path for the listener, pastors are often left wondering how to develop the substance to fit into that path. How do we make sure the "GOD" section is theologically deep?

How do we make the "YOU" section genuinely transformative and not just a guilt trip? How do we move beyond a simple "three points" to something that feels holistic and addresses the head, the heart, and the hands in a deeply integrated way?

That's where the 5-Step Giant's Framework comes in. It's not about throwing out these other models but about building a more comprehensive engine that can power any of them. Think of it this way: a three-point outline is the basic chassis of a car.

It gives you a frame. But this 5-step structure is the engine, the transmission, and the drivetrain.

It's the dynamic system that makes the car move with power and purpose. This framework is designed to make sure your sermon is doctrinally rich, experientially resonant, practically applicable, grace-fueled, and missionally focused.

It takes your hard exegetical work and systematically forges it into a message that is built to change lives.

So, let's get into the first, and most crucial, step.

Section 1: Step One - God's Truth: What Does Scripture Reveal?

The absolute, non-negotiable starting point for any sermon that honors God is the objective truth of His Word. Before we can ever ask, "What does this mean for us?" We first have to answer the question, "What does this mean?"

The first step in this framework is to establish the unwavering, objective, biblical truth of the passage. This is the bedrock. Everything else is built on it. A sermon without this foundation might be an inspiring speech or a helpful talk, but it's not authoritative Christian preaching.

This stage is all about diligent, prayerful exegesis. It's where you do the hard work in your study. But it's more than just gathering facts; it's about answering four critical questions about the text.

First, historical and cultural context. Who was the original author? Who were the original recipients? What was going on in their world that prompted this letter, this prophecy, this story?

If you're preaching from one of Paul's letters, you need to become a temporary expert on first-century Corinth, or Ephesus, or Philippi.

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What specific heresies were they fighting? What were the cultural pressures? Without this, we inevitably rip a verse out of its world and force it into ours, twisting its meaning along the way. A sermon without context is a sermon adrift, and it will lack true authority.

Second, the author's original intent. Based on the context, the language, and the argument, what was the author trying to get across to that audience?

What was his main point? This is where you have to discipline yourself to distill the core message of the passage into a single, declarative sentence.

If you can't state the primary truth of the passage in one sentence, you haven't understood it clearly enough to preach it. The giants of preaching are masters of clarity, and that clarity starts right here.

Third, the transcendent theological meaning. This is where we move from what the text meant to what it means.

What timeless, universal truth about God, humanity, sin, and redemption is being revealed here? How does this specific text fit into the grand, sweeping story of the entire Bible?

A fatal flaw in modern preaching is treating the Bible like a book of inspirational quotes. It's not. It's one unified story.

Your job is to connect the dots. How does this passage in Numbers foreshadow Christ? How does this Proverb find its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus?

How does this command in Ephesians flow directly from the truth of the Gospel? Every sermon, no matter the text, must ultimately point to the person and work of Jesus Christ. If your sermon could be preached in a

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synagogue or a mosque without raising an eyebrow, you haven't finished step one.

Finally, and this is so important for clarity, you have to identify and clarify common misconceptions. How is this passage frequently misunderstood or misapplied?

For example, if you're preaching on Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you...", it is your duty to clarify that this was a corporate promise to a nation in exile, not a blanket promise that every individual Christian will have a prosperous, comfortable life.

By proactively addressing these misunderstandings, you not only teach with greater precision, but you also build trust. You show your people you're a careful and honest handler of the Word.

Let's use a running example. Say you're preaching on Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

In Step One, your work is to establish:

Context: Paul's writing from a Roman prison to a church he loves, a church facing persecution and some internal bickering. His joy is defiant, not based on circumstances.

Author's Intent: Paul is calling the Philippians to replace their cycle of anxiety with a rhythm of prayer, rooted in gratitude, as a direct expression of their life in Christ.

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Theological Meaning: The ultimate answer to our anxiety isn't a change in our situation, but access to the presence and peace of a sovereign God, made possible through Jesus. This peace is a guard, a sentinel standing watch over our inner world because we belong to Him.

Misconceptions: Clarify this isn't a formula to get God to do what you want. It's not a magic spell against worry. And it's not a verse to beat over the head of someone with a clinical anxiety disorder. It's an invitation into a relational exchange with God.

Only when you've done this deep, foundational work are you ready to move on. This step makes sure your sermon is built on rock, not sand. It gives you the confidence to stand in the pulpit not with your own opinions, but with a word from God.

Section 2: Step Two - Personal Reflection: How Does This Apply to Me?

You've done the exegesis. You've established the objective truth. Your message has a solid, doctrinal anchor. Now, you have to build a bridge. A sermon can be theologically flawless and still fail to connect if it remains an abstract lecture. Step Two moves the truth from their world to our world, and it starts with you, the preacher. The question you have to wrestle with is this: How does this truth apply to me?

This is the step of personal, gut-level, honest reflection. Before you ever challenge your congregation, you have to let the Word challenge you. Before you comfort your flock, you must let the Word comfort you.

The giants of preaching preach from the overflow of their own encounter with the text. Their sermons have an authenticity you can't fake because the message first did a work in them.

This stage is about closing the gap between doctrine and daily life. You take that grand, theological truth from Step One and ask some intensely

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personal questions. Using our Philippians 4 example, you'd sit with the text and ask yourself:

What specific things am I anxious about right now? Not generally, but specifically. That upcoming budget meeting? My kid's health? The spiritual state of a family member? Name them.

What's my default response to this anxiety? Do I numb out with Netflix? Do I try to control everything? Do I just complain? Be brutally honest. When I look at my prayer life, is it really marked by "thanksgiving," like the text says? Or is it just a list of my fearful demands?

Have I actually experienced this "peace that surpasses all understanding"? What did that feel like? What were the circumstances? If I haven't, why not? What's blocking me from receiving it?

Where is the "gospel gap" in my own heart on this? Do I say I believe God is sovereign, but live like everything depends on me?

This process does two things. First, it sanctifies you. It forces you to be the first person to sit under your own preaching. God uses your sermon prep to shape you long before He uses it to shape your people.

Second, it gives you the raw material for powerful, relatable illustrations. When you stand up to preach, you won't be talking about anxiety in theory. You'll be able to say, with genuine humility, "I know what it's like to lie awake at 3 a.m. with your mind racing about church finances.

I know that knot in your stomach when you think about the future. And in that moment, this text calls me—and all of us—to a different path." That kind of honesty doesn't weaken your authority; it enhances it. It builds a bridge of common ground, showing that you're a fellow traveler on this journey, not some detached expert.

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This is where the sermon starts to gain emotional resonance. You're not just explaining a text; you're sharing a testimony of how that text is actively messing with your own life. You're finding the "ME" and "WE" that Andy Stanley talks about.

But a word of caution here: this step is about honest reflection, not narcissistic naval-gazing. The goal isn't to make the sermon about you. Your stories and struggles should always serve the text, not the other way around.

Your vulnerability has one purpose: to show how the timeless truth of Scripture intersects with the timely struggles of real life. You're just the first case study.

When your congregation senses this sermon cost you something—that it searched you and changed you first—they will lean in. They will listen differently. They will open their hearts, because they can see its effect on yours.

Section 3: Step Three - Practical Response: What Should I Do Differently?

Okay, we've established the biblical truth. We've built a bridge of personal reflection. Now we get to the question that every single person in the pews is asking, whether they say it or not: "So what? What do I do with this on Monday morning?"

Step Three is about answering that question with crystal clarity. The goal here is to define the Practical Response: What should I do differently because of this truth?

A sermon that stays in the world of ideas, no matter how profound, is incomplete. The goal of preaching isn't just to inform the mind but to transform life. And transformation requires action.

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The giants of preaching are masters of this. They never leave people with vague platitudes; they provide clear, actionable, grace-powered steps. Your sermon needs handles people can grab onto.

This is also one of the most dangerous steps, where a sermon can easily slip into legalism or self-help. So we have to be careful how we craft this application. The key is to provide one to three clear, actionable steps that combine both internal posture and external practice.

Let's break that down.

Internal Posture is the heart attitude, the shift in belief that has to come before any change in behavior. It's the "why" behind the "what." This is where you call people to repent and believe the gospel in this specific area of their life.

External Practice is the actual, tangible thing they can do. It's a specific, concrete action someone can take this week.

Great application marries these two together. Without the internal posture, the external practice just becomes dead, legalistic rule-keeping. Without the external practice, the internal posture just remains a fuzzy, unactionable feeling.

Back to our Philippians 4 passage on anxiety. A poor application would be to just say, "So this week, stop being anxious and pray more." It's vague, unhelpful, and to someone gripped by anxiety, it feels impossible and even condemning.

A powerful, well-crafted application would sound more like this:

"So how do we live this out? I want to give you two practical responses this week. The first is an internal posture shift: Decide to Trust God's Sovereignty Over Your Situation. This is a heart-decision. This week, when that wave of anxiety hits, I want you to pause and say, out loud or

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in your spirit, 'God, I feel this, but I choose to believe that You are in control and You are good.' This is an act of spiritual warfare. It's realigning your heart's trust from your own efforts to God's faithfulness.

Now, that internal posture needs an external practice to give it feet. So, the second response is this:

Schedule a 'Worry for Prayer' Exchange. Take out your phone right now.

I want you to identify the one thing causing you the most anxiety. Now, schedule a 10-minute appointment in your calendar for later today or tomorrow morning.

Title it 'Prayer Exchange.' When that alarm goes off, you're going to take that specific worry and do three things:

- 1) Verbally thank God for three specific things He has done for you.
- 2) Clearly tell God your request about your worry. And
- 3) Conclude by handing the outcome over to Him, reaffirming your trust.

You are turning your worry into a scheduled act of worship."

See the difference? The application is specific, actionable, biblical, and it connects the heart posture (trust) with a physical practice (scheduling and praying). It gives people a real game plan.

When you develop your practical responses, remember:

Be Specific: "Read your Bible more" is a bad application. "This week, read the first chapter of John and write down one attribute of Jesus you see" is a good one.

Be Accessible: Don't ask for something that feels overwhelming. Give them a reachable goal for this week. A small step in the right direction is infinitely better than a giant leap no one takes.

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Keep it Focused: Don't give ten applications. You'll just create paralysis. One, two, or at most three, well-developed points will have a far greater impact. Clarity beats quantity every single time.

This step is where your sermon becomes truly helpful. You're moving from lecturer to loving coach, giving your people a clear game plan for living out God's truth.

Section 4: Step Four - The Promise & Power: What Does God Enable or Guarantee?

This step is the theological heart of a grace-centered sermon, and frankly, it's the one that's most often missing. If you end your sermon at Step Three, with a list of things your congregation needs to do, you haven't preached a Christian sermon.

You've preached moralism. You've just given them a new law to follow in their own strength, which will only lead to pride if they succeed or despair when they fail.

Step Four is the crucial gospel pivot. It's where you anchor all the application not in human effort, but in divine enablement. The question we answer here is: What does God enable or guarantee in this?

This is where you explicitly connect the commands of the text (what we must do) to the promises of the Gospel (what God has already done).

You have to show your people that the power to obey comes not from their willpower, but from the indwelling Holy Spirit, and the motivation to obey comes from their secure identity in Christ.

The giants of preaching are relentless about this. They never give a command without connecting it to the comfort of the Gospel. They get that true, lasting change isn't behavior modification, it's heart transformation, and only God has the power to do that.

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Using our Philippians 4 passage, right after you've given the practical steps, you must immediately follow with Step Four. It would sound like this:

"Now, hearing these steps might feel overwhelming. You might be thinking, 'I've tried this before. I've tried to pray more and trust God. And I always end up anxious again. I just can't do it.'

And I want to say to you: you are absolutely right. You can't. And I can't. Not in our own strength.

But here is the glorious promise of the Gospel that holds this whole passage up. Look at the text again. It says, 'And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' The power to experience this peace isn't found in how perfectly you pray; it's found in your position in Christ.

Because you're united with Jesus through faith, you have access to the very peace of God Himself. It's not a peace you have to manufacture; it's a peace you get to receive.

And what's more, the ability to even want to do this—to trust, to pray, to turn from anxiety—is a work of the Holy Spirit inside you. Galatians 5 says 'peace' is a fruit of the Spirit. It's His work!

Your job isn't to grunt and groan and try harder to be peaceful. Your job is to surrender, to yield to the work the Spirit is already doing. When you schedule that prayer appointment, you aren't pulling yourself up by your bootstraps; you are creating space for the Spirit of God to do what only He can do.

The promise here isn't that you'll never feel a flicker of anxiety again. The promise is that when you do, you are not alone in the fight. The promise

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is that God Himself, through His Spirit, is your power source. And the guarantee is that His peace is an active guard, standing watch over you, not because you've earned it, but because you are hidden in Christ.

So you don't obey for God's love; you obey from God's love. You don't pray to be accepted; you pray because you are already accepted. This isn't a call to try harder; it's an invitation to trust deeper."

Do you feel that shift? This step changes everything. It turns a to-do list into a get-to list. It turns the pressure of performance into the pleasure of partnership with the Spirit. It makes sure your sermon produces worshippers, not just workers.

In this step, you have to explicitly:

Highlight the specific promises of God in the text. What does God guarantee? His presence? His peace? His strength?

Emphasize the role of the Holy Spirit. Remind people the Christian life is a life of impartation from Christ by His Spirit.

Reaffirm their security in Christ. Ground their motivation in the unchanging reality of their adoption and union with Jesus.

Without Step Four, you leave your people with a burden. With Step Four, you leave them with a blessing, staring not at their own inadequacy, but at the all-sufficiency of Christ.

**Section 5: Step Five - The Purpose Beyond Myself:
How Does This Impact Others?**

We've established God's truth, reflected on its personal impact, defined a practical response, and anchored it all in the power of the Gospel. Many sermons end here, and they're good sermons.

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But the giants of preaching know there's one more crucial step. They know God's work in us is never just for us.

The final step is to lift our eyes from our own personal growth and see the wider horizon of God's kingdom. Step Five answers the question: How does my faithfulness here impact others?

This is the missional step. It connects individual faithfulness to our collective witness. It takes the personal holiness we've been talking about and shows how it fuels the Great Commission.

A sermon that doesn't ultimately push the listener outward, toward love of neighbor and participation in God's mission, has fallen short of the full counsel of God. He saves and sanctifies us not so we can be comfortable, isolated islands of holiness, but so we can be a city on a hill—a light in the darkness that points a watching world to Him.

This step broadens the vision. It answers the "Why does my personal battle with anxiety even matter in the grand scheme of things?" It shows our personal holiness has public implications.

Concluding our sermon on Philippians 4, this step would sound like this:

"So we fight for peace, not just for our own comfort, but for the sake of a world that is drowning in anxiety. Why is it so important that we, as a church, become a people marked by a supernatural peace? Because our anxious, frantic, and fearful world is desperately looking for a better way.

When your unbelieving coworker sees you walk through a corporate layoff with a calm and a trust that defies logic, it becomes a powerful apologetic for the reality of the God you serve.

Your peace becomes a pulpit. When your neighbor sees you navigate a scary medical diagnosis not with panic, but with a steady, prayerful

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reliance on God, it makes the Gospel plausible to them. Your steadfast heart becomes a signpost pointing to the security we can only find in Christ.

When we, as a community, refuse to be consumed by the political anxieties and cultural fears that are tearing our society apart, we model a different kind of kingdom—one that is unshakable.

Our collective peace becomes a city of refuge for those exhausted by the world's chaos. Your personal victory over anxiety, empowered by the Spirit, isn't just for you.

It's a weapon in God's hands to bring hope to others. It's for your spouse, for your children who are watching you model how to handle pressure. It's for your small group. It's for your witness at work.

Imagine if we were a church known in this city not for having perfect lives, but for having an unexplainable peace in the middle of messy lives.

Imagine the conversations that would start. Imagine the doors that would open for the Gospel. Your fight for peace today is a fight for someone else's soul tomorrow.

Your faithfulness in the small, private battles of your heart contributes to the grand, public advance of the Kingdom of God."

This final step does several critical things:

It elevates the stakes. It shows that obedience is not a trivial matter.
It combats selfishness. It guards against a self-centered faith.
It inspires with a grand vision.

It calls people to a shared mission.

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It connects Sunday to the rest of the week. It sends people out as missionaries.

By ending here, you complete the journey. You've taken your people from the rock of God's Word, through their own hearts, given them a path to walk, fueled them with the Gospel, and pointed them to the horizon of God's glorious purpose for them in the world.

Conclusion (Do not say this word)

So, there you have it. The 5-Step Sermon Structure that has empowered the giants of the faith to preach with such clarity and transformative impact.

Let's quickly recap the journey.

It all starts with Step One: God's Truth. We anchor everything in the objective, unchanging Word of God.

Then, we build a bridge with Step Two: Personal Reflection. We let the text work on us, the preachers, first.

From there, we provide a clear path forward in Step Three: Practical Response. We give our listeners 1 to 3 clear, actionable steps.

Crucially, we fuel the journey with Step Four: The Promise & Power. We avoid moralism by anchoring everything in the work of Christ and the power of the Spirit.

And finally, we lift their eyes with Step Five: The Purpose Beyond Myself. We connect personal transformation to our missional purpose in the world.

This framework isn't a rigid, paint-by-numbers formula that will kill your creativity. Just the opposite. It's a robust skeleton that gives your

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sermons a powerful, logical, and theological integrity. It will free you up to be more creative, more passionate, and more personal, because you know the underlying structure is sound.

I'm convinced that if you commit to building your sermons on this framework, you'll see a dramatic difference in the clarity of your prep and the impact of your preaching.

That sinking feeling on a Sunday afternoon will start to be replaced by a quiet confidence that you've faithfully handled the Word and clearly guided your people toward a life-transforming encounter with the living God.

Call to Action

Now, I want to challenge you. This week, as you prep your next sermon, I dare you to use this 5-step outline. Run your text and your thoughts through this process. I promise it will bring a new level of focus and depth to your message.

And I would love to hear from you. In the comments below, answer this question: Which of these five steps has been most often missing from your own sermon prep?

Be honest. Is it the deep exegetical work? The honest reflection? The specific application? The gospel-pivot? Or the missional vision? Sharing your experience will encourage other pastors on this same journey.

If this video was helpful—if it's given you some renewed hope and a practical tool for your ministry—would you do me a favor and hit that 'Like' button?

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Let's commit to doing it with all the skill, passion, and faithfulness we can muster, for the glory of God and the good of His people.

Sermon Title: [Insert Title]

Key Scripture(s): [Insert Main Passage(s)]

Introduction

Hook: Start with a relatable story, current cultural issue, personal testimony, or probing question that reveals a common human need or **tension**.

Problem/Need: Name the spiritual, emotional, or practical struggle your audience likely faces (e.g., fear, performance, isolation, confusion about truth).

Gospel Preview: Briefly show how Scripture—especially Christ—offers a better way.

Roadmap: Clearly state the 5 points so listeners know where you're going. Keep this concise (1–2 sentences).

1. God's Truth: What Does Scripture Reveal?

Purpose: Establish the objective, unchanging truth of God's Word.

Anchor in Scripture: Carefully explain the main passage(s)—historical context, author's intent, and theological meaning. Avoid proof-texting; show how this truth fits into the broader biblical narrative.

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Clarify Misconceptions: Address false beliefs (from culture, religion, or personal experience) that distort this truth (e.g., “God helps those who help themselves” vs. grace).

Christ-Centered Focus: Where possible, connect the truth to Jesus—how He fulfills, embodies, or reveals it (e.g., truth about forgiveness finds its source in the cross).

Tone: Authoritative yet gracious—this is God speaking, not just your opinion.

Example: If preaching on identity, show from Ephesians 1 that our identity is rooted in being “chosen,” “adopted,” and “sealed”—not in achievements or others’ approval.

2. Personal Reflection: How Does This Apply to Me?

Purpose: Bridge the gap between doctrine and daily life.

Heart Examination: Help listeners honestly assess their beliefs, motives, and behaviors in light of the truth. Use reflective questions like, “Do I live as though this is true?” or “Where do I struggle to believe God’s word over my feelings?”

Name Real Struggles: Be specific about temptations, fears, or patterns (e.g., striving for control, hiding sin, comparison). Show empathy—“Many of us feel this way...”

Gospel Balance: Avoid condemnation. Remind them that awareness of weakness is the doorway to grace, not a reason for shame.

Avoid Generalizations: Replace vague statements (“We all sin”) with concrete examples (“When you snap at your kids after a long day, what are you really trusting in?”).

This is where listeners feel seen—not judged, but lovingly confronted by the Spirit.

3. Practical Response: What Should I Do Differently?

Purpose: Move from insight to action—faith that works (James 2:17).

Specific, Doable Steps: Give 1–3 clear actions (e.g., “This week, replace that anxious thought with a verse,” or “Have one honest conversation with a friend about your struggle”).

Heart + Habit: Include both internal posture (e.g., “Choose to trust God’s timing”) and external practice (e.g., “Set a daily reminder to pray before checking your phone”).

Community Emphasis: Encourage accountability or shared practice (“Ask your small group to check in with you”).

Grace Reminder: Frame obedience as a response to love, not a way to earn favor.

Application without truth is moralism. Truth without application is hypocrisy. This point unites them.

4. Promise & Power: What Does God Enable or Guarantee?

Purpose: Anchor obedience in God’s faithfulness, not human effort.

Highlight a Promise: Point to a specific assurance in Scripture (e.g., “He who began a good work will carry it to completion” – Phil 1:6).

Emphasize the Spirit’s Role: Remind listeners that transformation is Spirit-empowered (Zechariah 4:6; Gal 5:16).

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Christ's Finished Work: Reaffirm that their standing before God is secure in Jesus—obedience flows from acceptance, not to earn it.

Hope in Weakness: “Even when you fail, His grace is sufficient” (2 Cor 12:9).

This prevents burnout and legalism. It turns duty into delight.

5. Purpose Beyond Myself: How Does This Impact Others?

Purpose: Expand the vision from personal growth to kingdom influence.

Missional Lens: Ask, “How does living this truth make me a better witness, friend, parent, or coworker?”

Serve & Send: Challenge listeners to use their freedom to love others (Gal 5:13), share hope (1 Pet 3:15), or invite someone into community.

Legacy & Eternity: Connect daily faithfulness to eternal impact (“Your obedience may be the reason someone encounters Christ”).

Corporate Identity: Remind them they’re part of the Church—their growth strengthens the whole body.

The Christian life is never just about ‘me and Jesus’—it’s always for the sake of others.

Conclusion (Never say the word “Conclusion”)

Recap: Briefly restate the 5 points in one sentence each.

Final Call: Issue a clear, compelling invitation—to trust, surrender, act, or worship.

Gospel Climax: End with Jesus: His life, death, resurrection, and ongoing intercession.

Closing Prayer or Benediction: Send them out with blessing and confidence in God's faithfulness.

This structure keeps your sermons doctrinally sound, personally relevant, practically helpful, grace-filled, and mission-oriented—ideal for both evangelism and discipleship.

A Simple 5 point sermon outline template

Here's a general, flexible 5-point sermon outline template you can use for a wide range of biblical topics. Each point follows a clear structure—truth, explanation, application—to ensure depth and practical relevance.

Sermon Title: [Insert Title]

Key Scripture(s): [Insert Main Passage(s)]

Introduction:

(Briefly capture attention, state the need or problem, and introduce the main idea of the message.)

1. God's Truth: What Does Scripture Reveal?

- Present the core biblical principle or doctrine.
- Anchor it in the key passage(s).
- Clarify any misunderstandings or cultural distortions.

2. Personal Reflection: How Does This Apply to Me?

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- Invite self-examination in light of the truth.
- Address common struggles, fears, or blind spots.
- Emphasize grace, not guilt.

3. Practical Response: What Should I Do Differently?

- Offer clear, actionable steps of obedience.
- Include both heart posture and behavioral change.
- Connect to daily life (thoughts, choices, relationships).

4. Promise & Power: What Does God Enable or Guarantee?

- Highlight a gospel promise, the Spirit's help, or Christ's finished work.
- Remind listeners they're not alone or left to their own strength.
- Point to hope, freedom, or transformation available in Christ.

5. Purpose Beyond Myself: How Does This Impact Others?

- Challenge the listener to live out this truth in community, family, or mission.
- Link personal growth to witness, service, or discipleship.
- Inspire faith-filled action that glorifies God.

Conclusion:

(Summarize the main takeaway, issue a call to trust or obey, and close with encouragement or prayer.)

Optional Add-Ons:

- Illustrations or stories for each point
- Cross-references or supporting verses
- Reflection questions for small groups or personal journaling

AI Friendly prompts

Here is one AI-friendly research prompt you can use to generate or refine sermon outlines with the help of artificial intelligence.

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Each is phrased clearly to guide an AI toward producing structured, biblical, and practical content:

Copy one of these Prompts into ChatGPT or another AI generator. The sermon will be approx 30 minutes long.

"Generate an extended 5-point 3000 word sermon outline with a short hook, on '**[Fill in theme]**'. Include all Biblical references. The audience are church going adults. Use a language for 5th grade. Make sure that the result will not cause condemnation or shame. Persuasive tone.

How to make an AI prompt to make a good AI Image?

Make a prompt for an image with the image of me and with subject: Sermon Template Outline With AI Friendly Prompts By Rev. Michael Angel