Sermon Research Prompt (Clarity-Enhanced Version)

Text:
(Insert your Bible passage here.) This is the passage I will preach from.

Request:
Create **3 unique, 2,000-word sermons** from this passage using the **Introduction, Explanation, Application** structure (IEA). Each sermon should have its own theme, angle, and application while drawing from the same passage. Final delivery will cap at 3,000 words max.

Assume the Role:
Write as a master sermon researcher (e.g., Kyle Idleman, Andy Stanley), blending pastoral depth and storytelling with theological clarity. Use the IEA format championed by Brian Jones to find the most urgent, transformative material.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Introduction (10 minutes)

- **Jab 1:** Start with a modern story, cultural moment, or psychological insight tied to the passage's urgency or theme.

- **Jab 2:** Build with a powerful quote (Christian classic, psychological insight, etc.) that deepens tension.

- **Jab 3:** Transition into the main problem or big idea.

- **Right Hook:** End with this format:
  "Turn in your Bibles to [passage]. We're in a series called [series name], and what we're trying to do is [main argument]."

2. Explanation (10 minutes)

- Read the full passage (NIV) aloud.

- Provide:

  - **Historical context** (100 years before writing, author's situation, audience's worldview)

  - **Literary context** (how this fits into the book's overall message)

  - 2 **correlating Bible passages** (OT & NT)

  - 2 **scholarly quotes**

  - 2 **Christian author quotes** from:
    Platt, Chan, Idleman, Lewis, Chesterton, Kierkegaard, Willard, Chambers, Trueblood, Nee, Peterson, Bonhoeffer

Use 3 "Nuggets"

Each starts with: *"I want you to notice this…"*
Each nugget should:

- Highlight a distinct theme from the **whole passage** (not just a single verse)
- Include supporting Scripture, scholars, and contextual explanation
- End with a classic Christian quote

3. Application (10 minutes)

- Start with: *"Here's the step I believe this passage is calling us to take…"*
- Share a story from **Christian history** where someone lived out the action step
- Share **3 modern application stories** (target: suburban Philly audience, across demographics)
- End with a bold, declarative final line that leaves a lasting impact

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DELIVERY DETAILS

- Each sermon must feel distinct in theme and tone.
- Provide **3 creative sermon title options** for each.
- Tone: Reflective, simple, thought-provoking (think Life.Church + Steve Jobs).
- Closing: Bold. Memorable. Prophetic.