



Sermon Outline: Built to Last - Week 4: Activate (Big Vision Sunday)

I. Introduction

- **Recap of the series: Examining John, Peter, Philip, and others.**
- **Transition to Joshua: Learning from his leadership in fulfilling God's mission.**

II. Core Belief

- **We believe in activating believers to pursue God's mission, helping others to grow in this ongoing process.**
- **The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) as our mission objective.**
- **Analogy: Mission Impossible – seemingly impossible missions are achievable with God.**

III. Joshua's Call to Leadership (Joshua 1:7)

- **God's charge to Joshua: Be strong and courageous, follow the law.**
- **The importance of remembering how they got there.**
- **Joshua's immediate steps: preparing to move forward.**

IV. Rahab and God's Unexpected Allies (Joshua 2)

- **Joshua sends spies to Jericho; the king seeks to eliminate them.**
- **Rahab's faith and assistance despite her background.**
- **Recognition of God's power (Joshua 2:10-11).**
- **Spies' report: The land is already in God's hands (Joshua 2:24).**

V. Stepping Forward in Faith (Joshua 3)

- Joshua does not rush into battle but seeks God's direction.
- The Jordan River: A natural barrier, but God provides a way.
- Instruction to the priests to carry the Ark and step into the waters (Joshua 3:8).
- The miraculous crossing: A new generation witnessing God's power.

VI. Remembering God's Faithfulness (Joshua 4:20-24)

- The memorial of twelve stones at Gilgal.
- Teaching future generations about God's provision.
- Parallel to our own spiritual journey: Once lost in sin, now crossing into God's promises.

VII. Key Lessons from Joshua's Leadership

1. Joshua waited for God's direction.
2. Preparation is essential before stepping into God's promises.
3. God provides allies in unexpected places.
4. Patience and obedience lead to miracles.
5. Those who serve (priests) led the way, not just Joshua.
6. Remembrance is crucial for sustained faith and vision.

VIII. Application: Activation in Our Lives

- Even in the Promised land, there are still battles to be fought.
- The significance of the scarlet rope: Salvation is for all who respond in faith (Joshua 2:12-13).
- Our responsibility to take the message of salvation to those still on the other side.
- Call to action: It's time to activate and move forward in God's mission.

IX. Conclusion

- Prayer for next steps