A dream
WORTH BUILDING

week 5
sermon notes

before we begin

Why keep building?

where we are

Last week God asked three questions and exposed the story his people were telling themselves: “It seems like nothing.” The work has begun, twenty-seven days in, during the Feast of Tabernacles, when Israel lived in shelters to remember the journey out of Egypt. Now God speaks again. This time he gives a command, and two reasons to obey it

thought one: Why Keep Building When the Work Seems Like Nothing?

When the work seems like nothing — Do It

Why keep building?
Because God doesn’t argue with “nothing.” He says, “Be strong… and work.” He isn’t telling them to start; he’s telling them not to stop.

thought two: Why Keep Building When the Work Is Daunting?

When the work is daunting — Do It, strengthened by His presence

Why keep building?
Because God is with them, as he promised when they came out of Egypt: “My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.”

thought three: Why Keep Building When They Cannot See the End?

When the outcome is unclear — Do It, sustained by His promise

Why keep building?
Because God has already told them how the story ends: “The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house.

the big idea

God’s discouraged people could keep building because he gave them his presence for strength and his promise to sustain their work.

preaching idea

Do It! Strengthened by His presence, sustained by His promise.