

Finish Strong Pt.2- Built For This  
Discussion Notes- November 2, 2025

1. Would you rather climb a mountain, run a marathon, or build a house — and why?

This week's message reminded us that we are built for this moment and called to finish strong in faith, just like Caleb, who followed God wholeheartedly and refused to be swayed by the crowd. While others saw obstacles, Caleb saw God's promise. At 85, he still believed God for mountains yet to be conquered. We are invited to step into the battles God has placed before us, trusting that the mountains we face today can become platforms for future generations. As we enter this season of sacrificial generosity, we give not out of equal amounts, but with equal sacrifice, believing the Lord is with us and working through us.

**Read Joshua 14:10-12**

*“And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.”*

In Joshua 14:10–12, Caleb reminds Joshua that God kept him alive and strong for 45 years since the promise was given concerning the land. Even at 85 years old, Caleb declares that he is just as strong as he was in his youth and ready to continue the work God called him to. With bold faith, he asks for the mountain God promised him, confident that the Lord will help him conquer it.

2. What stood out to you from the story of Caleb finishing strong at age 85?

**Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8**

*“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”*

Paul reflects on his life and ministry as he nears the end, declaring that he has fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. He encourages Timothy to stay faithful, preach the Word, and endure challenges without wavering. Paul looks forward with confidence, knowing that a crown of righteousness awaits those who remain steadfast in Christ until the end.

3. What would it look like for you personally to “finish strong” in this season — spiritually, relationally, or financially?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9-12**

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.”*

This season of giving isn't about equal gifts, but about equal sacrifice. What stretches one person may not stretch another, and God isn't measuring dollar amounts. He's looking at the heart and faith behind the sacrifice. Just like Caleb and the early believers, we are each uniquely built and called to play our part. When all of us give sacrificially according to what God has entrusted to us, we collectively advance His mission and build a legacy for the next generation. We are all built for this, but the way each of us steps into it will look different, and that's the beauty of the body of Christ.

4. How does the idea of “equal sacrifice, not equal gifts” relate to generosity and this giving campaign?

### **Read Proverbs 13:22**

*“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.”*

A true legacy is more than what we accumulate; it's what we invest into God's kingdom and the people who will follow after us. Our prayers, our generosity, our faithfulness, and our willingness to sacrifice today create spiritual foundations, opportunities, and environments for future generations to encounter Jesus and walk in their calling.

5. How can your faith and sacrifice today build a platform for the next generation in our church?

#### **Prayer Points:**

- Pray for a heart of faith and courage to step into what God is calling us to.
- Pray for unity and sacrificial generosity as a church family.
- Pray that the next generation will stand strong on the foundation we build today.

### **Deeper Dive- The Life Of Caleb**

#### **Read Numbers 13:30 and Numbers 14:6-9**

*“But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”... And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an*

*exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.”*

Caleb saw God’s promise and chose faith over fear. While the majority doubted, he trusted God and encouraged action. Like Caleb, we are called to step forward in obedience, even when the challenge seems big; whether it’s a mountain in the promised land or a commitment to God’s vision for our church.

### **Read Joshua 14:6-12**

*“Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’ And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.”*

Caleb’s obedience and faithfulness didn’t end after the initial challenge. He remained steadfast for decades. His willingness to trust God and persevere led to victory. Similarly, our sacrificial giving and commitment today can help our church finish strong and leave a platform for the next generation.

1. Why do you think Caleb had a different spirit compared to the other spies?
2. How does Caleb’s willingness to follow God and obey, even when it was risky or challenging, inspire your own commitment?

### **Finish Strong Campaign Snapshot**

**Theme:** Finish Strong — For Pittsburgh. For the Next Generation. For Christ.

**Goal:** Raise **\$3 million over 3 years**, above and beyond regular giving.

**Theme Verse:**

John 9:4 (ESV) — “We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day...”

### **Project 6:33 — Pray First**

- We are asking everyone to **seek God first** during this season.
- **Based on** Matthew 6:33 — “Seek first the kingdom of God...”

- **Set an alarm for 6:33 PM** daily.
- When it goes off: **Pause. Pray for the church. Pray for wisdom. Pray for faith.**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Men's Steelers Tailgate Party**

**Sunday, Nov. 2 · 12:30 PM · The Café**

- Food & fellowship
- Steelers on the big screen
- Steelers ticket giveaways
- Brief campaign vision update

#### **Women's Night**

**Friday, Nov. 7 · 6:30 PM · The Café**

- Watch a clean comedian on Netflix together
- Games, laughter, community
- Lots of giveaways

#### **Commitment Weekend**

**November 15–16 (All Services)**

- Each family will bring their three-year pledge and we will commit together as a church.
- Includes a First Fruits Offering — our goal is for this to be the largest offering in our church's history to launch the project strong.

#### **Ways to Give**

Your giving can be structured **weekly, monthly, or yearly.**

You may give through:

- Check
- Online / automatic giving
- Stock gifts

**Every gift is above and beyond normal giving.**