

The Power of Vision

Proverbs 29:18

Main idea: To inspire the congregation to develop a clear vision guided by God's will and to patiently wait for its fulfillment.

Topic: Vision

Scripture passages that support the topic of vision and reinforce your current ideas are:

1. Proverbs 16:9 - "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." This verse emphasizes the importance of seeking God's guidance and surrendering our plans to Him.
2. Habakkuk 2:2-3 - "Then the Lord replied: 'Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.'" This passage encourages us to have a clear vision, write it down, and patiently wait for its fulfillment.

To reinforce your current ideas, you can:

1. Provide practical steps for developing a vision, such as setting goals, seeking God's guidance through prayer, and aligning your vision with biblical principles.
2. Explore the concept of vision in other biblical stories, such as Joseph's dreams in Genesis 37 or Nehemiah's vision to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

3. Discuss the importance of perseverance and faith in pursuing our vision, using examples like David's journey from shepherd to king or Paul's determination to spread the Gospel despite challenges.

Regarding language suggestions from the original languages, you can consider:

1. In Proverbs 29:18, the Hebrew word for "vision" is "chazon," which can also mean revelation or divine guidance. Highlighting this broader meaning can deepen the understanding of the verse.

2. Exploring other instances where "chazon" is used in the Bible, such as Isaiah 1:1 or Ezekiel 12:27, can provide additional insights into the concept of vision and its application to our lives.

Remember to tailor these suggestions to your specific sermon style and audience, ensuring that they align with your overall message and objectives.