

We often treat salvation like crossing a finish line when it's actually stepping up to the starting blocks. This message challenges us to move beyond the comfortable idea that accepting Christ is a one-time event and invites us into the ongoing adventure of spiritual growth. Drawing from 1 Corinthians 2:9 and Romans 10, we're reminded that God has prepared things beyond what our eyes have seen or our minds have conceived—but only for those who keep pursuing Him. The imagery of building blocks on unstable shag carpet versus solid foundation illustrates how many of us try to construct our spiritual lives on worldly patterns rather than Christ's teachings. The book of Acts becomes our blueprint, showing how the early disciples didn't just believe once—they continually confessed, trusted, and built upon what they learned. The Holy Spirit isn't just a doctrine to acknowledge but the active power that compels us to speak, act, and live differently. When we read that faith comes from hearing the Word, it's not about hearing once but creating a lifestyle of listening—four times a week transforms us, not because of legalism, but because we're finally giving God room to work. The question confronting us is whether we're content standing in the starting blocks or ready to actually run the race set before us.