

GENIUS



Genius of Activation May 8, 2022

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Scripture: *Judges 4 & 5*

Sermon Overview: A powerhouse leader for God's people, Deborah had the Genius of Activation (Judges 4-5). Activators are individuals who prompt us, support us, call out of us! Leaning into their god-given authority, Activators have an acute ability to discern a path forward. Let us be a community that activates one another!

Sermon Series Questions:

1. **Discover your unique genius:** Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. What are your perceived disadvantages or weaknesses? What are your strengths and gifts?
2. **Develop your unique genius:** We can learn to leverage our weaknesses by partnering with God to cultivate compensatory skills. What compensatory skills do you feel God might be cultivating in you?
3. **Deploy your unique genius:** In what ways could your disadvantages be viewed as opportunities for your good and the good of others?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. An activator displays (1) God-given authority. In what areas of your life has God given you authority? How are you using that area of influence to become an activator and a catalyst for God to work?
2. An activator displays (2) prophetic discernment. In what areas of your life do you need more discernment from the Lord?
3. An activator displays (3) persistent accountability and (4) quick encouragement. How are you displaying these qualities in your area of influence? Last week, we talked about vulnerability and being honest with ourselves. How might your areas of vulnerability in your sphere of influence be holding you back from accountability and quick encouragement?
4. An activator displays (5) strong-willed loyalty. Consider your areas of vulnerability again in the context of your sphere of influence. How are your loyalties being aligned? Are you simply reacting to what's happening in that area? Are you acting based on what you think is best for you? Or are you consistently walking in a way that partners with the Lord, seeking His will for the next step of faith - despite what your mind might be saying?

Digging Deeper:

5. Who are the catalysts and activators of God's glory in your life? How do you know? Are you serving as an activator for anyone else? How do you know? If not, ask the Lord if there's a place where He would like you to serve as one.

Practical Application:

- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET ncc.re/upperzoom. Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to ncc.re/prayerpods to sign up.