Week 3: Rebel to Ruler

Big Idea: Rebellion is a tool for freedom, not a permanent identity. Real rebels eventually build something better.

Main Scriptures: Exodus 19:5-6; Joshua 1:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Five Major Points:

1. **Rebellion Is a Season, Not a Lifestyle**
    - **Scripture:** Exodus 14:10-14 & 19:4-6
    - **Story/Example:** After the Red Sea, God told Israel they were now His "kingdom of priests." The season of rebellion against Egypt was over. Now it was time to become something new.
    - **Famous Quote:** "Revolution is not a dinner party." — Mao Zedong (used to show that rebellion has a purpose and an ending)
2. **God Doesn't Want You to Stay a Rebel Forever**
    - **Scripture:** Joshua 1:1-9
    - **Story/Example:** Joshua had been Moses' assistant during the rebellion years. But when it was time to enter the Promised Land, God told him to be strong and courageous — and to lead. The season changed from rebel to leader.
    - **Famous Quote:** "The goal of rebellion is not to destroy, but to create something better." — Unknown
3. **Mature Rebels Build Instead of Just Tear Down**
    - **Scripture:** Nehemiah 2:17-18
    - **Story/Example:** Nehemiah rebelled against the broken state of Jerusalem by rebuilding the wall. He didn't just complain — he took action and built something lasting.
    - **Famous Quote:** "It is not enough to be against something. You must also be for something better." — Unknown
4. **Your Past Rebellion Can Become Your Greatest Ministry**
    - **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17 & Galatians 1:13-16
    - **Story/Example:** Paul was a violent rebel against Christians before he met Jesus. After his conversion, God used his boldness and passion for the gospel. His former rebellion became fuel for his ministry.
    - **Famous Quote:** "Your past does not define your future unless you let it." — Unknown
5. **The Ultimate Goal Is to Become a Leader, Not Just a Rebel**
    - **Scripture:** 1 Timothy 4:12
    - **Story/Example:** God doesn't just want student rebels — He wants student leaders who know when to fight and when to build. The greatest rebels in Scripture eventually became the greatest leaders (Moses, Joshua, Paul, etc.).
    - **Famous Quote:** "The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been." — Henry Kissinger