

# **DTS 2022: Session 12**



# Leadership...

- Everything good hinges on it!
- Is a matter of discovery, not invention!
  - God gave us our resonance! **1Cor 12.6**
  - Jesus puts us in places to minister! **v5**
  - Holy Spirit gives us gifts to accomplish! **v4**
  - We are His workmanship, created in Christ for good works He planned! **Ephesians 2.10**
- Is alignment w/His purpose! **John 4.34**



**“We need to believe, and be thoroughly convinced, that every believer is called to be a leader, and to be out on the field every day, to lead people out of darkness into light... out of bondage into freedom!”**





## Elements...

- “Knighted High Protector, stand and be recognized!”
- “Will you support our claims?”
- “Enemy defeated but will come back because you won’t stand together!”
- “Going to invade his territory!”
- “So busy struggling for scraps, lost your God given right to something better!”



## Elements...

- **“Your position exists to provide people with freedom!”**
- **“All have something to lose, all die!”**
- **“Country has no sense of itself!”**
- **“Men don’t follow titles, they follow courage!”**
- **“If you would just lead them, they would follow!”**



## Acts 26.15-18

- “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.’  
But get up and stand on your feet. For I have appeared to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen from Me and what I will show you. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. *I am*



## Acts 26.15-18

- *“sending you to them to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in Me.”*



## Exodus 3.7-10

- The LORD said, *“I have indeed seen the affliction of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I am aware of their sufferings. I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians*



## Exodus 3.7-10

- *and to bring them up* out of that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — And now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me, and I have seen how severely the Egyptians are oppressing them. Therefore, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My



## Exodus 3.7-10

- people the Israelites out of Egypt.” But Moses asked God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”
  - Anyone want to argue that God made Moses the leader/deliverer of a nation?



# Anyone...?

- ...want to argue that God made Moses a leader/deliverer of His people?
- ...see the old argument; “who am I, that I should go?”
- ...hear the echoes of Jesus to “GO” in His name and set people free?
- ...want to argue that God makes us leaders and deliverers of His people?



**Getting The Players On The Field!**



## Joshua 3.1-5

- “And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they moved to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. And after three days the officers went through the group and they said, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests bearing it, then you



## Joshua 3.1-5

- “will get up and follow after it. But leave a space between you and it, don’t get too close, so that you may know the way by which you must go: for you have not passed this way before. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”



# Good Leaders

- ***Follow w/o hesitation!***
- ***Remember*** that when God goes before us, we don't have to be sufficient or informed...
- ***Trust and obey*** because there is no other way to be a good leader!



## **39 Years Earlier...**

- Israel followed the Lord out of Egypt to obtain the (same) promise... but because they hesitated and disbelieved in God's ability to do what He said... they "ended" wandering in the desert!**



# The Children Of God...

- Were ready because *it was a great promise!*
- But with fear and doubt hardening their hearts... *they didn't enter in!*
- Their problem was not “strength” but “submission!”



**“I will be a good leader in the  
Body of Christ if I can model a life  
of obedience, submission and  
dependence on God!”**



# Good Leaders

- **Follow with focus!**
  - Our Father invites us to ‘take off our shoes and get into this life with Him... but we must always remember...
  - “good followers leave a space between!”
- **Issue is true preeminence and true followership!**



**“I will be a good leader in the  
Body of Christ if I let Him do  
the leading!”**



# Good Leaders

- **Follow w/o presumption!**
  - “Let’s not pretend we know where we are going if we’ve never been there before!”
- **Issue is authentic humility!**



**“Good leaders don’t know  
everything... they just follow the  
One who does...”**



# Good Leaders

- Follow w/o Reservation!
- What are we holding back?
- What is worth reserving?
- What didn't He purchase?
- What is more wonderful to have than Him?
- Issue: exuberant surrender!



**“As a good leader I must  
constantly prepare myself for  
tomorrow by giving myself  
over to God today...”**



# DTS was birthed to...

- **Fling you into ministry!**
- **Because:**
  - **Church/world is broken!**
  - **Always more hurt, broken, fearful people!**
  - **Always be outnumbered!**



# Leaders Moving On

- **1. Find, love, mend, send!**
  - Shouldn't be any room in this church for someone else's people... should be jammed with your people coming in to learn, grow, go...



# Leaders Moving On

- **2. Recognize broken people are God's tools of choice!**
  - People don't come to church to be counted... they come to be helped, developed, *and engaged!*



# Leaders Moving On

- 3. Know that *maturity* is not the destination!
  - Maturity is a “gain it to use it” resource!
    - in spiritual warfare...
    - and the battle for the souls of men!



# Leaders Moving On

- **4. Know credibility matters!**
  - **The four most important leader characteristics are:**
    - **Honesty/transparency!**
    - **Forward thinking/pressing!**
    - **Inspiration/incarnation!**
    - **Competence/continuity!**



# Character Matters!

- Leaders of government, education and business may be able to “compartmentalize” their lives... but Christian leaders cannot!



# Leaders Moving On

- **5. Know that people want leaders who will engage them in the future!**
  - People can feel there's something "more;" it's inherent in our salvation to go/grow...
  - They want good leaders to open the way, involve them, as part of a team!



