Leadership 101 ***BLUF:*** If you want to be great leader you have to serve others!

I have been in leadership training for my job for the last month…

One exercise we did…

What are some words you think of when you think of being a leader? Responsible, Charismatic, Strong, Confident, Determined….One that didn't come up was Servant?

Leader v. Servant: Seemingly opposites

Power/Authority: right to respect or acceptance of one's word, command, thought, etc.; commanding influence

Biblical servant leadership is not about using authority to get people to serve us; it is about using the responsibility God has entrusted to us to serve others, glorify Him, and accomplish His purposes.

Jesus contrasts two approaches to leadership:

- Worldly leadership: People use authority, rank, and influence to elevate themselves and exercise control over others.
- Biblical leadership: People use their God-given influence and responsibility to serve others in accordance with God's will.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to lead, hold a position, or have authority, in and of it self, but when Selfish ambition and self-promotion are involved, you have a problem.

As we examine this I hope We can take this and apply it to our own lives…weather you are a born leader, leadership is thrust upon you or it is something you strive for…if you desire to be a great leader…we need to follow the example Jesus modeled for us. TO BE A SERVANT LEADER

Mark 10:32-44
32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: 33 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; 34 and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

A. Backdrop:
    a. Put yourself in the disciples shoes- Following Jesus
        i. Amazed- Frightened/Terrified
        ii. Afraid- Circumstances/going back to Jerusalem
            1. This is where Jesus ran into much trouble
                a. Religious leaders wanted to kill him

B. What awaited Jesus V.33-34
    a. Betrayed to the Chief priests/Scribes- ***Judas***
    b. Condemn Him to death- ***Found Guilty at an Illegal Trial***
    c. Deliver Him to the Gentiles- ***Given over to the Romans***
    d. Mock Him/Scourge Him/Spit on Him/Kill Him- ***Most detailed description of Future Events***
    e. Third Day will rise- ***Left them with Hope to calm their fears***

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, *"Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."*
36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"
37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

C. From the 12 to just James and John- the Sons of Zebedee
    a. Backdrop-
        i. Fisher men in Gallie, along with Peter
        ii. Sons of Thunder- Aramic word “Boanerges”
            BOA NER GEE’s from Mark 3:17
            1. Why?-Luke 9:41-54
                The Samaritans reject Christ- “Lord do you want us to call down fire from Heaven and Consume them? Just like Elijah did?”
            2. These guys were “Type A” personalities, intense and outspoken (FIRERY)

iii. Magnitude of their Request
    1. Jesus entertains their request (Displaying Servant Leadership) Could have just shut them down, but uses it as teaching/leading moment

    2. The Power Play- 1st and 2nd in command (TO SIT AT THE RIGHT AND LEFT, PLACES OF HONOR- PRETSTIGE)

    3. "In Your Glory"- The glory of GOD isn't to be shared, Jesus is matchless, but I don't think they were talking about His heavenly glory or his heavenly kingdom…EARTHLY KINGDOM.- Messiah/Ruler

    4. Even Got their Momma involved (Family Ties) When you read it in the book of Matthew…MATT 20:21-21

iv. INTERESTING TO NOTE THE Timing of their Request

    1. Asked for position after Jesus tells of His impending visit to Calvary
        a. They know the time is near-
            i. Messiahs rule
            ii. Still thinking in a Natural Sense (Earthly Kingdom)

        b. Not the 1st time- Mark 9:33-35- THEY ARGUED OVER WHO WILL BE THE GREATEST MULTIPLE TIMES- (THIS GIVES ME HOPE…)

        c. Motivation- What motivates a person to want to be a leader or in a position of Authority…
        d.
            i. Time In Service- Some of the 1st called

            ii. Spotlight/Attetion

            iii. I believe Entitlement
                1. Inner Circle- James, John, Peter
                    a. Transfiguration
                    b. Garden of Gethsemity

No matter the reason you are looking for Leadership…it comes with a cost:

JESUS IS ABOUT TO COUNT THE COST FOR THEM:

38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

39 They said to Him, "We are able."
So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; 40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

D. Jesus' Response

a. You don't know what you are asking for-
    i. Jesus explains His Baptism and the Cup (immersion)

b. You will go through- The COST
    i. James- Acts 12:1-2- Executed by Herrod
    ii. John- Exiled to Isle of Patmos, lived a long of of serving others

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

E. The TEN get Jealous
    a. Not Righteous indignation/Mad they didn't ask first

    b. Selfish Ambition- ***Phl 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.***

Selfishness is the enemy of a Servant leader
****Too busy looking out for #1????***
****Must put others before you***

*Jesus takes the time to pour in to the 12/***Teachable moment***

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

SOBERING WORDS not much explanation needed

F. Those who are ***considered rulers*** over the Gentiles
    a. How the world behaves- LORD IT OVER THEM
        i. 1) to bring under one's power, to subject one's self, to subdue, master

        ii. 2) to hold in subjection, to be master of, exercise lordship over
            1. Private sector
            2. Military/government
            3. Homes

    b. Exercises Authority over them
        i. Idea of ***Domineering Authority***- Tyranical, to rule arbitrarily or despotically; tyrannize
        subject to individual will or judgment without restriction; contingent solely upon one's discretion
            1. Ruling w/ and Iron Fist
            2. i.e. Kim Jong Ill, Saddam Hussien, Adolf Hitler, Mussulini

G. The Mandate for Believers (In contrast to how the world does it)
    a. It shall not be so ***Among you***
        i. No place in the Church (The BODY of CHRIST) for that type of leadership
            1. Husbands/Wives-
            2. Fathers/Mothers-
            3. Pastors/Leaders-
            4. Bosses-

ii. Whoever desires to be 1st shall be slave of all
    1. Be 1st/KJV Chieftest/PROTOS-Principle or formost

    2. SLAVE-Duolos- bondservant, man of servile condition one who gives himself up to another's

    3. The Need for Humility-

H. WHAT NOT TO DO…What else does this look like…

Matthew 23:1-12
Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. 4 For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' 8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted

I. Jesus' example of Servant Leadership- What to Do.
    a. ***A Leaders Mission:*** He didn't come to be served but to serve
        i. Phil. 2:5-8 ***Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.***

    b. ***A Leader Actions:*** Gave his life as a **RANSOM for many**
        i. **Giving of self for the betterment of All**
        ii. **Self-Sacrificing**

c. Foot washing Example- John 13:1-15 Shorten

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.
2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"
7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."
8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"
Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."
9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"
10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."
12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

d. Peter Got it- 1st Peter 5:1-4

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

J. 3 TAKE AWAY POINTS- SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT BEING A SERVANT LEADER

a. God doesn't need us but chooses to accomplish His will through us –
    i. Created to serve God by serving people- "Hands and Feet" Eph. 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
b. Service is a privilege
c. Service is the right response-
Romans 12:1: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.??????

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