

**PART 4: Lead Courageously**

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## START

“When life is difficult, eyes shift to God. When life is easy, eyes shift to self.” When life is easy, we don’t think of needing help, or needing guidance. However, when we take our eyes off God (even in the good times) we miss giving Him the glory and honor He deserves.

- When have you experienced a difficult time that shifted your eyes to God?
- When have you caught yourself shifting your eyes to yourself when life seemed easy?
- How can we give honor to God in the difficult time and the easy times?

## READ

[Hebrews 11:1](#); [Hebrews 11:32](#) (NLT)

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

“And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about [Gideon](#), Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets...”

## THINK

While Gideon didn’t lead well in the end and created an ephod that eventually turned into an idol, we can still learn from Gideon. Your actions reveal your heart. As we lead we need to **inspect** our hearts, **deflect** praise given to us and **redirect** it towards God.

- What is the condition of your heart?
- Who is getting praise or honor in your life?
- How are you partnering with God to fulfill His purpose?

As we strive to become Advancing Leaders in God’s kingdom, there are four areas that we focus on at Tri County. Engage, Equip, Empower, and Encourage.

- How are you or how would you like to engage others as a leader?
- How are you being equipped as a leader?
- Who is empowering you to be a leader, and who can you empower?
- How are you being encouraged as a leader, and who are you encouraging?

## PRAY

Pray that you can keep your eyes focused on God in the easy times and the difficult times. Thank God for all that He has done.

## ACT

This week, take a step towards becoming an advancing leader. Pick one of the four areas above that you can lean into this week.

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**ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.**