



KINGDOM LEADERSHIP PODCAST

"Lead Me in Repentance"

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"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus." Acts 3:19-20
"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

If you listen closely, you can hear God's people saying, "Lead me in repentance. Please, won't someone lead me in repentance."

- John the Baptist came leading in repentance (Matthew 3:2).
- Jesus came leading in repentance (Matthew 4:17)
- Peter came leading in repentance at the beginning of his ministry (Acts 2:38), and at the end of his ministry (2 Peter 3:9).
- Paul came leading in repentance, first himself (Acts 9:4), and then the church (Romans 2:4).
- John came leading in repentance. 7x in the book of Revelation.

Repentance is the call not just of the New Testament, but also of the Old Testament. The prophets entire ministry can be summarized as a call to repentance.

"And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'" Isaiah 6:5

"For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, 'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.' But you were unwilling." Isaiah 30:15

"'Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!' declares the Lord." Jeremiah 23:1

"But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds."

Jeremiah 23:22

"Yet even now," declared the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Joel 2:12-13

How to Lead in Repentance

1. Repent. Lead by example.

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ." Philippians 3:7

2. Lead with humility, gentleness, grace, and kindness.

"Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" Romans 2:4

3. Create safe places for repentance.

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death." 2 Corinthians 7:10

4. Develop a culture of repentance.

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5. Call for repentance, and go first.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 3:2

6. Linger in repentance.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you." 1 Peter 5:6

7. Celebrate repentance.

Jesus celebrated repentance.

"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:7

"Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10

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