

☐ **LEADERSHIP CLASS**

☐ **Contagious Leadership**

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☐ God's Call for Us to Lead

☐ Lesson 1

☐ Why and How God Calls Us to Lead

☐ *Genesis 1:26 NIV*

*Let us make man in our
image... and **let them**
rule.*

❑ INTRODUCTION

**❑ Question Christians have
debated for Centuries:**

☐ Is it Biblical to Lead?

❑ Are we not called to be **followers**, instead of **leaders**?

❑ Are we not called to be
servants instead of
rulers?

❑ Can we honestly believe
that **leadership is a**
biblical idea?

☐ Born to Lead

□ The first **Description** of
Mankind in the Bible
Involves **Leadership**.

☐ God **Designed** us to
Lead, to have
Authority and **Take**
Dominion.

❑ According to Genesis
1:26, **we were Born to**
Lead.

☐ Genesis 1:26 NIV

Then God said, "**Let us
make man in our
image, in our likeness,**

and **let them rule over**
the fish of the sea and the
birds of the air, over the
livestock, **over all the**
earth,

and **over all** the creatures
that move along the
ground."

**☐ We Were Created to
Lead.**

□ When God Said , “... and **let them rule.**” It mean we were fashioned by God **to Lead and Rule.**

☐ God Gave human
Authority Over the
Whole Earth.

❑ Ultimately, this means that we should be comfortable with being created to **fill two positions.**

**☐ TWO POSITION WE ARE
CALLED TO FILL:**

1. To Exist **Under** God's
Authority.

2. To be in **Authority**
Over the **Earth**.

☐ God has given us this
calling to lead, So we
Must Discover what it
means to lead as God
does.

**☐ OTHER BIBLICAL
EXAMPLES:**

☐ Psalms 8:4-6, 4

What is man that you are
mindful of him, the son
of man that you care for
him?

5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and **crowned** him with **glory** and **honor**.

6 You made him ruler
over the works of
your hands;

you **put everything**
under his feet:

☐ Jeremiah 1:5

“ Before I formed you in
the **womb I knew**
you;

Before you were born I
sanctified you;

I **ordained** you a
prophet to the
nations.”

**☐ God has Instilled in
us the Ability to
Rule.**

❑ If God **told us to rule,**
then **He must** have given
us **the Ability to do**
so.

❑ God Never
Commands us to do
Anything Without
Enabling us to do it.

☐ Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him **who is able to do exceedingly abundantly** above all that we ask or think,

according to the
power that works in
us,

☐ Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded
you? Be strong and of
good courage;

do not be afraid, nor be
dismayed, **for the LORD**
your God *is* with you
wherever you go."

**☐ A Man's Gift Provide
the Ability to Lead.**

❑ Based on **Your Gifts**
and **Personality**, You
have the Ability to Lead in
Some Area.

☐ Ephesians 3:7

“of **which I became a minister** according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.”

☐ Proverbs 18:16

A man's gift **makes room**
for him,

And brings him before
great men.

**☐ Divine Permission
to Lead.**

❑ Many of us Feel like
Moses did when he faced
**God at the burning
bush**, in Exodus 3–4.

❑ Most of us Can List Why
We don't **Lead**
Effectively, Just as
Moses did.

❑ Moses Gave **Five**
Excuses Why he Could
Not Lead.

**☐ Five Excuses Moses
Gave &**

**☐ Divine Response to
the Excuse.**

☐ Excuse One: *Who am I? -Exodus 3:11-12*

11 But Moses said to
God, “**Who *am* I that I
should go to Pharaoh,**

and **that I should bring** the
children of Israel out of Egypt?”

¹² So He said, “**I will certainly be with you.** And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you:

When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

☐ Moses struggled with his Identity.

**☐ He did Not feel
Qualified.**

**☐ He thought God had
Picked the Wrong
Leader.**

☐ God's Response: *It Does Not Matter Who You Are.*

☐ I have **Called you. I**
am with You.

☐ Excuse Two: ***Who Are You?***

(Exod. 3:13–14)

**☐ Moses Struggled
With Intimacy With
God.**

☐ He did not know God
Well Enough to
Describe Him to the
People.

**☐ His Relationship
With God Was Weak.**

**☐ God's Response: I
AM WHO I AM.**

☐ Excuse Three:

***What if they don't
Listen? (Exodus 4:1-9)***

☐ Moses **Struggled**
With Intimidation.

□ He Worried about **the**
People's Reaction to
him.

☐ God's Response:

**I AM Everything You
Need.**

☐ When **I am finished**,
they Will Listen. **Trust**
me.

❑ Excuse Four: ***But I Have
Never Been a Good
Speaker! (Exod. 4:10-
12)***

**☐ Moses Struggled
With Inadequacy.**

❑ Who Would Follow him if
he Could Not Even Speak
Well?

☐ God's Response: ***Guess***
Who Made Your
Mouth?

**☐ I Will Teach You
What to Say.**

☐ Excuse Five:

**☐ I Know You Can
Find Someone Else.
(Exodus 4:13–16)**

☐ **Moses Struggled
With Inferiority.**

**□ He Compared himself
With Other,
More Competent People,
and he Felt Weak.**

**☐ God's Response: I Will
Let Aaron Go With You and
Help, **but I A M Still
Calling You to Go.****

**☐ Another Example of
a Great Leader who
gave Excuses-**

☐ Judges 6:11-16

11 Now the Angel of the LORD came
and sat under the terebinth tree
which *was* in Ophrah, which
belonged to Joash the Abiezrite,

while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide *it* from the Midianites.

**12 And the Angel of the LORD
appeared to him, and said to him,**

**“The LORD *is* with you, you
mighty man of valor!”**

13 Gideon said to Him, “O my lord,
if the LORD is with us, **why**
then has all this
happened to us?

And **where are all His
miracles** which our fathers
told us about, saying, **Did
not the LORD bring us
up from Egypt?**

But now the **LORD has
forsaken us and
delivered us into the
hands of the Midianites.”**

14 Then the LORD turned to him and said,
“**Go in this might of yours,**
and you shall save Israel
from the hand of the Midianites.
Have I not sent you?”

15 So he said to Him, **“O my
Lord, how can I save
Israel?”**

Indeed **my clan *is* the**
weakest in Manasseh, and **I**
***am* the least in my**
father's house."

16 And the LORD said to him, “**Surely**
I will be with you, and **you**
shall defeat the Midianites
as one man.”

**☐ Leadership Is
Influence.**

☐ J. Oswald Sanders said it first:

“Leadership is influence.

Nothing more.

Nothing less.

It is about influencing others in a
worthwhile cause. It
is not dependent on
titles or positions.

☐ Leadership is **dependent on catching a vision from God, and mobilizing others to join them in its fulfillment.**

□ When this happens,
**leadership arises in
its purest form.**

□ The Basics of Effective Leaders.

**1. They Perceive a
Need.**

**❑ Leadership Always
Begins With a Need.**

❑ The Need Just doesn't arise
When Someone **Wants to**
fill an Empty Position.

☐ Good leaders

**Recognize a Need and
Address the Problem.**

☐ *Matthew 9:36 NIV*

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

□ Other Classic Example

❑ Nehemiah 1:4,
So it was, when I heard
these words, that I sat
down and wept, and
mourned *for many* days;

I was fasting and praying
before the God of heaven.