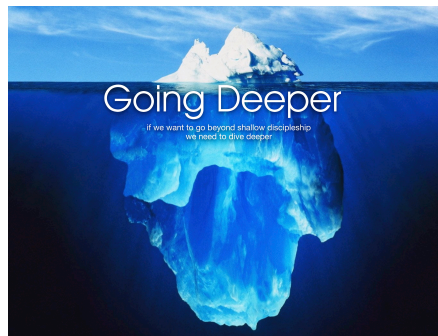


# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Lead out of Weakness

With Jeremy Vasic  
Multiply and Mobilize Catalyst  
November 21, 2021



AD 49 (14 years after Paul becoming a Christian) – “And the leaders of the church had nothing to add to what I was preaching. (By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favorites.)” – Galatians 2:6

AD 55 – “For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I’m not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God’s church.” – 1 Corinthians 15:9

AD 60 – “Though I am the least deserving of all God’s people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ.” – Ephesians 3:8

1 Timothy 1:12-17 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, <sup>13</sup> even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. <sup>16</sup> But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

**Maturity in Christ doesn’t come with the absence of weakness, but with the growing acknowledgement of weakness.**

**Weakness is a gift to embrace rather than a liability to overcome.**

**Big Idea: Live out of weakness and vulnerability to become an example of Christ’s love and power.**

**How do we lead, and live, out of weakness and vulnerability?**

**Pay attention to when you are invulnerable.**

I know I am being proud and defensive when:

- o I am guarded and protective about my imperfections and mistakes.
- o I easily notice the flaws, mistakes, and imperfections of others.
- o I give my opinion a lot, even when I am not asked.
- o I am quick to advise or fix things before they fall apart.
- o I struggle with holding grudges and with asking forgiveness.
- o I rarely ask others for feedback on how I can improve or change.
- o I find it hard to ask others for help.
- o I find it difficult to say, “I don’t know” in front of others.

**Practice vulnerability daily.**



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