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Searching for Leaders #1 of 3 - Sept. 18

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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What resonated with you from the message? What do you think of when you think of leadership? Would you consider yourself a leader? Why or why not?
3. Where do you need to live with courage and conviction? How does fear hold you back from living in this way?
4. Read Titus 1:1-2. What "truth" is Paul speaking of in this passage? How does truth relate to the way we live. What is the result of living in truth?
5. Read Titus 1:5-9. List the qualities and characteristics you see related to leadership? Why would these qualities be necessary for leaders in the church? Why is it significant that Paul fails to mention skills for leaders?
6. How would these leadership qualities translate to places where you influence others? In what ways do you see these qualities in your own life? Where do you need to grow and what steps is God asking you to take?
7. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and 1 John 4:18. What do these verses tell you about living with courage and conviction? What is the source of this courage and conviction?
8. Where is God asking you to lead and influence others? What action steps do you need to take today?



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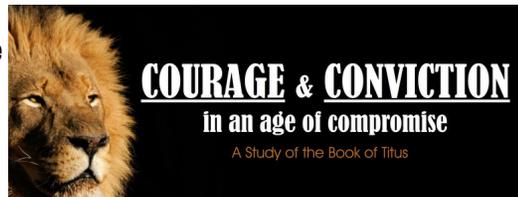
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
Sept. 18, 2016



Titus 1:1-16 This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. ²This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began. ³And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Saviour that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

⁴I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour give you grace and peace.

⁵I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you. ⁶An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious. ⁷A church leader is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money. ⁸Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. ⁹He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

¹⁰For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation.

¹¹They must be silenced, because they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching. And they do it only for money. ¹²Even one of their own men, a prophet from Crete, has said about them, "The people of Crete are all liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons." ¹³This is true. So reprimand them sternly to make them strong in the faith. ¹⁴They must stop listening to Jewish myths and the commands of people who have turned away from the truth.

¹⁵Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

- **Where do we get courage and conviction?** v. 1-4

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father apart from me." John 14:6

Jesus is our source for courage and conviction.

- **What does it look like to live and lead with courage and conviction?** v. 5-9

Living above reproach: v. 5

Faithful and healthy nuclear relationships: v. 6

Self-control and integrity in all dealings: v. 7

A love for people, God, and His Word. v. 8

- **Why do we need courage and conviction?** v. 10-16.

Because we want to affirm Christ by the way we live.

Big Idea: God makes me brave so I can grow as an influencer who lives & leads well.