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SERVANT LEADERSHIP:
WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT LEADERSHIP
Spring 2026





Welcome to
Servant Leadership!





Cultivating Your Leadership Roots and Navigating Your Leadership Journey



Your ***CALLING***

HOW has God uniquely created and called you?

Your ***CHARACTER***

WHO are you becoming?

Your ***COMPETENCIES***

WHAT do you need to be effective to use your gifts, abilities, experiences, and talents to influence others?

Your ***CONTEXT***

WHERE has God used you in the past?

WHERE has God uniquely positioned you in the present?

Your ***COMMITMENT***

HOW do you sense God is leading you to take next steps in your leadership journey?

Are you willing to take the next step?

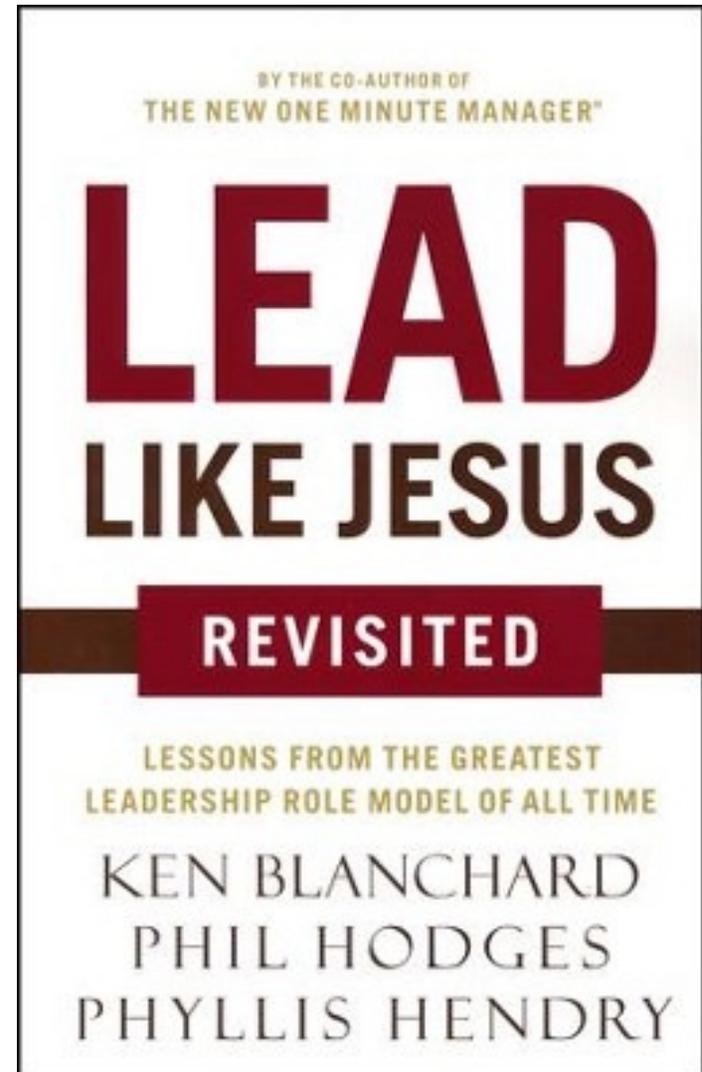
Four Basic Beliefs

Leadership Happens Anytime we influence the thinking, behavior or development of another person.

Jesus is the greatest leadership role model of all time.

Servant leadership is the only approach to leadership that Jesus validates for His followers.

Effective leadership begins on the inside, with our hearts.



*The Four Domains of
Leading Like Jesus*

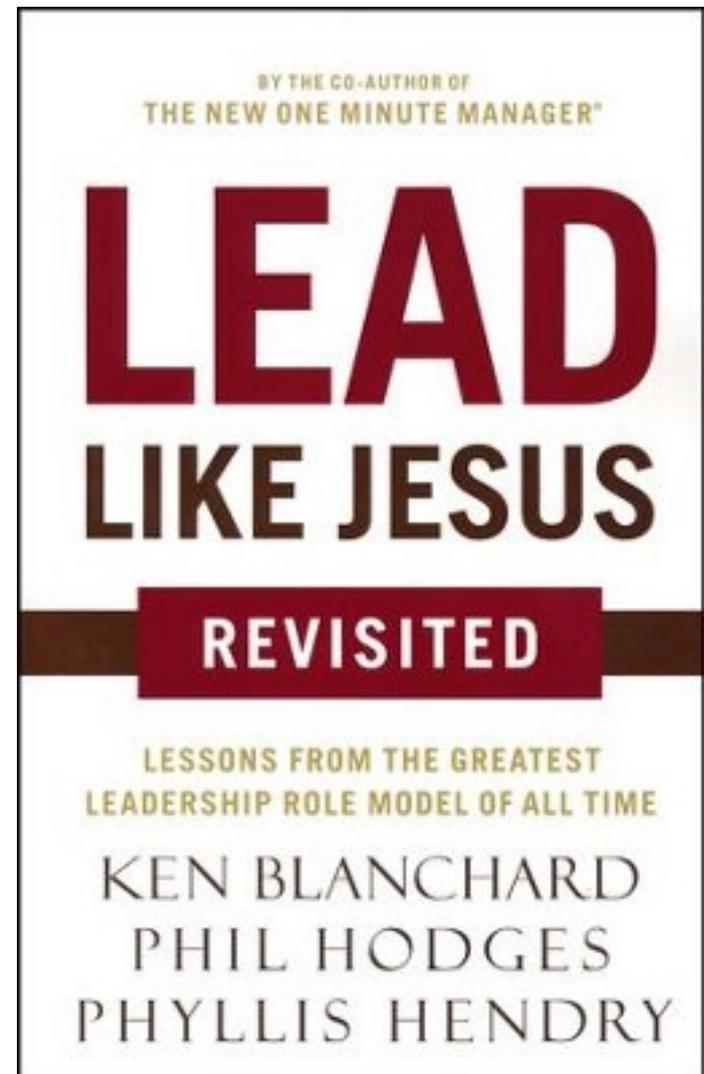
The Heart

The Habits
(Being Habits)

The Head

The Hands

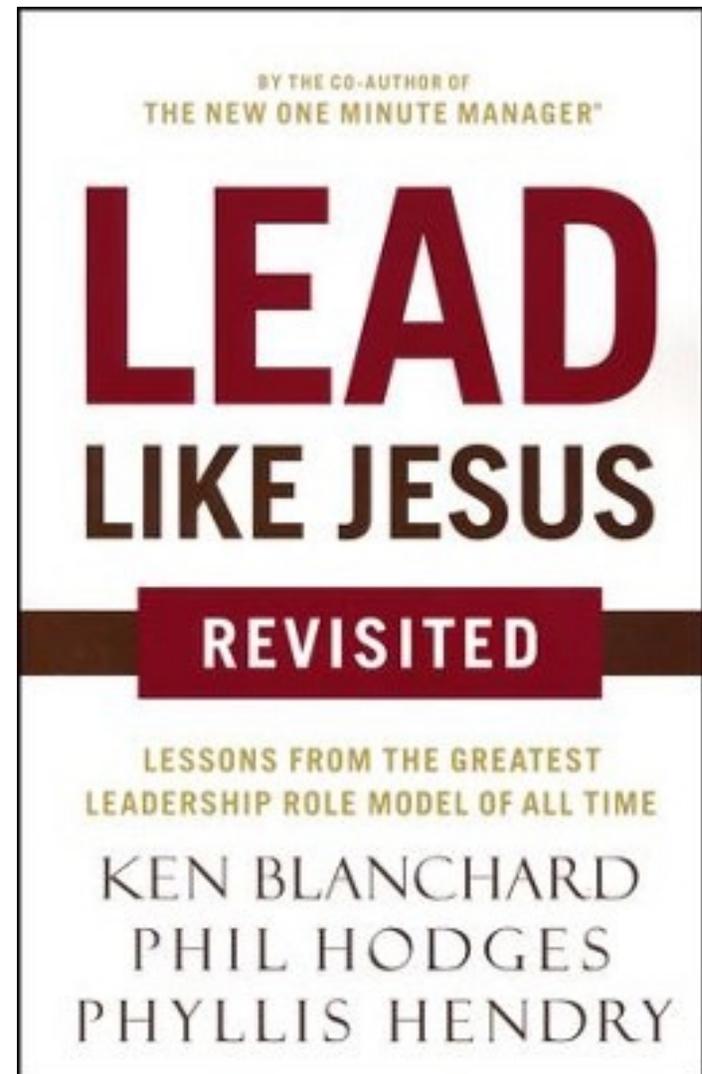
The Habits
(Doing Habits)



The Fifth Domain!

The “Hike” of a Leader Next Steps . . .

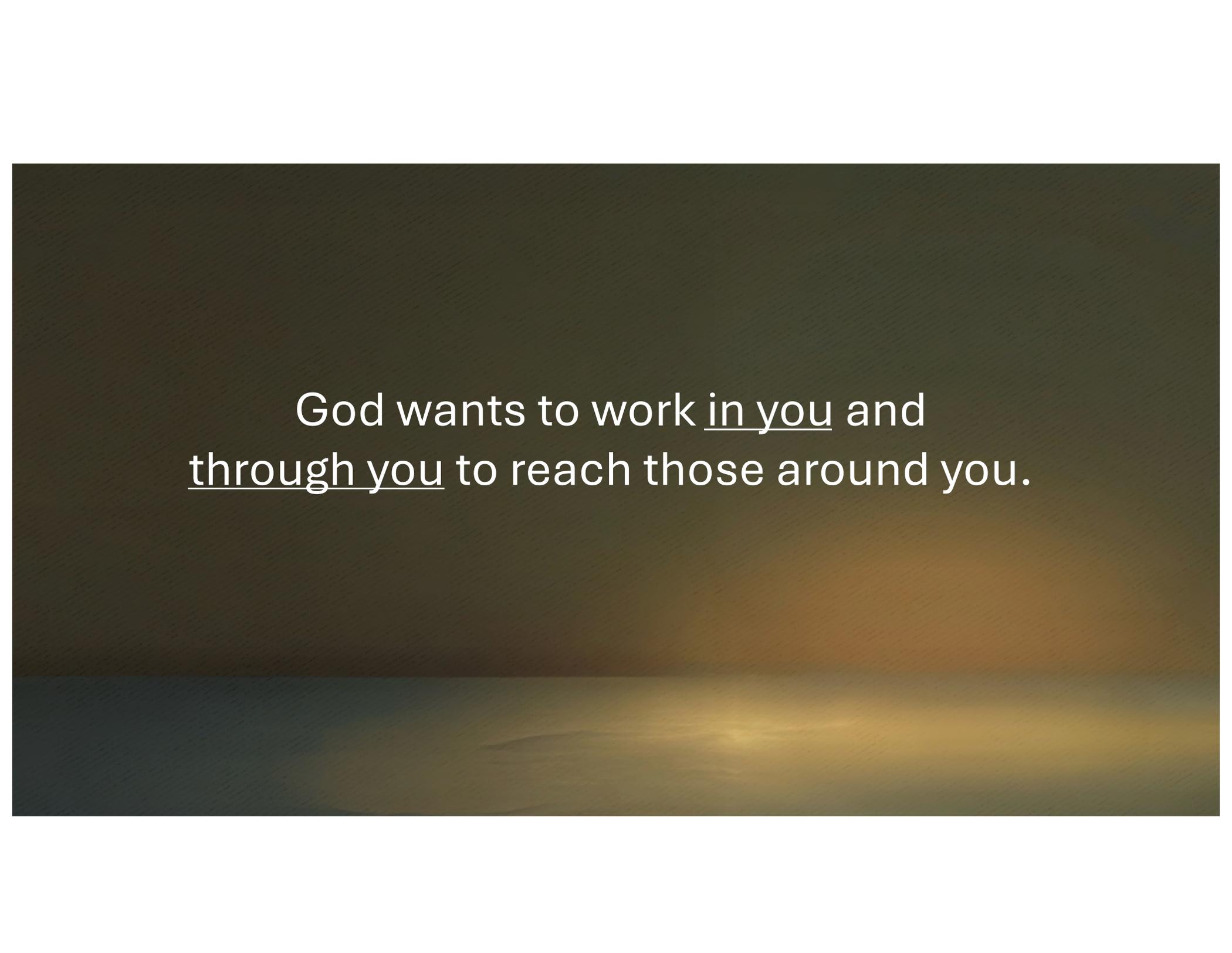
“The change that Jesus came to introduce was not a minor adjustment to current thinking and behavior that would allow for better levels of performance with an existing system. The change He came to lead was radical and revolutionary. He came to turn the world upside down and then right side up by making love the preeminent standard for all aspects of relationships. Jesus calls all those who follow Him to carry out their specific assignments in bringing this change to their generation.” pg. 26



Spiritual Formation of the Christian Leader

Session 1: Leading from the Overflow





God wants to work in you and
through you to reach those around you.

Lesson in a Line:
To lead like Jesus, you must be filled with
the Spirit of Jesus.





Key Takeaway:
You cannot give what you do not have.

Leading From the Overflow

Scriptural Foundation:

“On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.’ He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.”

-- John 7:37-39 (CSB)

Leading From the Overflow

*“and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And look, I am sending you what my Father promised. **As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high.**”*

-- Luke 24:47-49 (CSB)

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

-- Acts 1:8 (CSB)

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Question:

If it was important for Jesus' disciples to wait to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, how can it be any less important for us to be empowered by the Holy Spirit?

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“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.”

-- John 15:5 (CSB)



Let's Take a Break!

See you in 10 minutes



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Session 2: Foundations for Spirit-filled Leadership

Leading From the Overflow

“Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk - not as unwise people but as wise - making the most of the time, because the days are evil.”

-- Ephesians 5:15-16 (CSB)

Leading From the Overflow

“So don’t be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit:”

-- Ephesians 5:17-19 (CSB)

Leading From the Overflow

“speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.”

-- Ephesians 5:20-21 (CSB)

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Question:

**What is the difference between
being *indwelt by* the Spirit
and
being filled with the Spirit?**

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Indwelt by the Spirit: Every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit at salvation. Indwelling is a one-time event (Jhn. 14:16-17, 26; 16:13-14; Rom. 8:9, 11; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Filled with the Spirit: Believers are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. Therefore, being filled with the spirit is something we must learn to do and continually practice (Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16; examples of, Acts 6:3, 11:24).

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Q: How can a Christian be filled with the Holy Spirit?

A: Confess your sins and ask Him to fill you.