

Grandview Nazarene Church  
**Mandate to Lead**  
Session I

- I. Introduction: Testimony
- II. Theme of Weekend: **Leading Courageously.**
- III. **Mandate to Lead**

- a. Definition of **Godly Leadership** - The faithful \_\_\_\_\_ of influence to guide and cultivate others toward flourishing in purpose and character.
- b. Definition of flourishing: Functioning optimally as you were \_\_\_\_\_ to be. (Eudaimonia). While it is often defined to mean “happiness,” eudaimonia is more than that. It is firing on all pistons and living life to its fullest.
- c. Definition of **Courage** - The state or quality of mind or spirit that enables one to face danger, fear, or difficulties with self-control, \_\_\_\_\_, and resolution.
- d. Definition of **Leading Courageously** - \_\_\_\_\_ our influence to guide and cultivate others towards flourishing in purpose and character, \_\_\_\_\_ of our fears, doubts, and opposition.
- e. Proverbs 29:18 says: “*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*”
- f. Lucky for us we have God’s vision provided for us.

*Man’s chief end is to \_\_\_\_\_ God, and to \_\_\_\_\_ him forever.*  
Westminster Shorter Catechism of 1647.

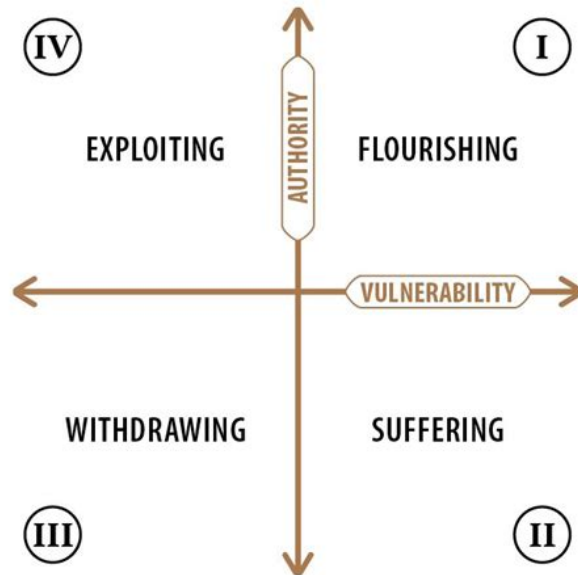
III. Using SPRIF as a template for leading courageously

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Physical Fitness and Health
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Intellectual Growth
- e. Financial \_\_\_\_\_

IV. What authority do you possess? \_\_\_\_\_ **is the ability to get things done; authority is the \_\_\_\_\_ to get things done.**

- a. Authority of \_\_\_\_\_ - Your conduct, example, your character, and your charisma will all impact your ability to influence others towards flourishing in purpose and character.
- b. Authority of command - If you are a member of your church in good standing, you have \_\_\_\_\_ of command.

V. The Paradox of Flourishing -



Andy Crouch, author of **“Strong and Weak: Embracing a Life of Love, Risk and True Flourishing,”** is the executive editor of Christianity Today. Crouch argues that in order to truly flourish in God’s create order, we must possess both the strength of authority and the weakness of vulnerability.

- a. Authority High/Vulnerability Low - \_\_\_\_\_ of Others (Despotism)
- b. Authority High/Vulnerability High - People are \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Authority Low/Vulnerability Low - People will \_\_\_\_\_ (addictions)
- d. Authority Low/ Vulnerability High - Everyone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Authority = People Flourishing  
 Bad Authority = People Struggling

In God’s created order, leaders are rarely effective without having both authority to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of being punished for their actions.

Truth be known, without risk, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to lead courageously, and there is little honor, glory, or \_\_\_\_\_ results if you are merely leading with authority.

This weekend, we will be discussing:

- A. Session II **The Personal Mission Statement** - In order to lead you have to first be moving towards something.
- B. Session III **God, Money and the Human Heart** - We will be discussing how practice stewardship of God’s resources in accordance with God’s values
- C. Session IV **Situational Leadership** - We will be discussing how to effectively lead in ministries and in the workplace