

Leadership 101

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Self-Sacrificing – Leading by Example

Acts 4:36&7 “Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.”



- Barnabus was Joseph but disciples called him Barnabas
- Part of Diaspora, Levi, owned land – presumably in Cyprus (Levis did not have land in Israel)
- Make your own bed first (must change selves before can change world)
- Order from Chaos (Gen 1)
- Small changes make huge impacts in unforeseen ways
- God is a god of multiplication and your 1% each day is 2x improvement in 100 days!

Seeing the potential

(Barnabas saw potential in Saul)

Acts 9:26&7 “When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. 27 But **Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles**. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.”

Riddle - What little red house has no windows or doors but has a chimney and a star inside?

1 Sam 16:7 “But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**”

When we see an apple, God sees seeds! (if we plant seeds many apples)

Story- visitor to church, fed by ladies, baked him special pie. Made him welcome “just the way he was? When he came back he had changed

Lead from the Front

Ac 11:22-24 *“News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.”*

Shepherd leads, goat herder drives

Mentor Through to Succession

Matt 11:28-30 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

Ac 11:25&6 *“Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch”*

- Good chance Barnabus taught Paul to be a missionary.
- We talk to random ones and kingdom multiplies.

Mission Success

- First time followers of the way were recognized as different to Jews
- Church was recognized as following Christ
- Took offerings to Jerusalem
- Set apart to be missionaries and sent with John Mark.
- True leader doesn't need to be out front all the time
- Spot the difference – left new recruits, right trained recruits
- Followers of the way no longer seen as Jews but followers of Christ.



Ac 14:11-13 *“When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.”*

Release & Repeat

- John Mark left part way through the first mission. (Some say home sick, or some say fear of persecution.)
- Paul could not resolve to take him on the second.
- Paul and Barnabas went separate directions
- Barnabas still saw potential in John Mark – saw potential. Went with him to Cyprus
- Barnabas began leading the new recruit.

A True Leader Loves Like Jesus

1 Cor 13:1-7 *“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

Prodigy is born

- John Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark at a young age
- The writing is simple and it is effective to introduce new Christians to the Bible
- Barnabas continued to encourage Paul
- Paul and Mark reconciled in later years
- All theology useless unless put into action

Who is a Leader?

- We are all meant to be leaders! (in home, workplace, community etc)

- We are a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)
- Ambassadors of Christ sent by God (2 Cor 5:20)
- More than conquerors (Rom 8:37)
- Co-Heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17)
- We are all called and anointed to be leaders!

Solomon's Prayer

1 Kings 3:7-9 *"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"*

❖ Sought wisdom above all.

Call to Action

- WAKE UP!
- Let His light shine through you!
- Buy back your time!
- **Live your best life now!**
- For life is hard and will try to knock you down
- But through Him we can do all things!
- What you feel God is saying to do, just do it.

(Eph 5:14-16, Phil 4:13 paraphrased by Matt)