



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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6) The Mobilising Leader - Mobilising leaders bury their pride

Why and how we build through others

5 Ways a Mobilising Leader leads:

1. Mobilising leaders are not control freaks!
2. Mobilising leaders build away from themselves

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Part 6: Mobilising leaders bury their pride

At the heart of being a mobilising leader is putting the spotlight on others

- Wanting them to succeed
- Wanting them to go further than you

So if you are the type of leader who is:

- Looking for the glory or recognition
- Insecure if others get the praise
- Has to be the centre of attention

Then you can see how that will hold you back from being a mobilising leader

EXAMPLE: King Saul

Saul was chosen to be king of God people

- An amazing honour
- But in his heart he appears to be more interested in his glory than God's glory

1 Samuel 15:30 (NIV)

30 Saul replied, "I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel; come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD your God."

Notice that even when he was in trouble and guilty before the Lord

- His primary concern was his own honour before the people

So when David began to arise as a great leader

- Instead of empowering and mobilising him, Saul was jealous of him

1 Samuel 18:7-9 (NIV)

7 As they danced, they sang:

"Saul has slain his thousands,

and David his tens of thousands."

8 Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" 9 And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

This jealousy and insecurity led to fear

1 Samuel 18:14-15 (NIV)

14 In everything he [David] did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. 15 When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him.

And so instead of setting David up for greater success, Saul tried to kill how

1 Samuel 19:9-10 (NIV)

9 But an evil spirit from the LORD came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre, 10 Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

This might sound quite extreme, but sadly it is happening in churches and organisations all the time!

- Pastors being threatened by other preachers who preach better than them
- Pastors not wanting other leaders who might become more popular than them
- Pastors seeing potential leaders as threats and not opportunities for growth

BIG IDEA: If a leader doesn’t bury their pride, their pride will eventually bury them!

Example: Was a season when every member of the church who told me what God had said to them seemed to mention that God spoke to them when one of our other preachers was preaching

- Every time!
- I began to wonder if God ever speaks to people when I preach!
- My first thought was insecurity and threatened - I could feel that temptation rise up.
- But the truth is that is exactly what we have been praying for!

QUESTIONS:

1. How do you feel as a leader when others do things better than you? Excited or threatened?
2. When you read about how Saul responded to David, can you identify with any of what he felt?
3. What do you need to change in your attitude or approach to bury your pride and mobilise others?