



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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7) The Mobilising Leader - Mobilising leaders believe in others

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
3. Mobilising leaders bury their pride

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Part 7: Mobilising leaders believe in others

Mobilising leaders take risks with young leaders

- They see potential in others
- They believe in what God can do through them
- They create opportunities to train, test and release

Quote: "*The only way you know if you can trust someone ... is to trust them*"

That's what mobilising leaders do.

- They don't start sceptical or cynical - believing the worst about someone until they are proven wrong.
- They start by believing and trusting the best - and hope that they are not proved wrong!

John Maxwell speaks of learning to see the 10 in everyone!

- Leaders job is to bring out that 10

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE PRACTICALLY

Biblical examples of believing in young leaders:

(And young doesn't just mean age but can mean experience as well)

1. Jesus believed in his young disciples

We have looked before at how unqualified and disqualified most of the disciples were!

- But Jesus chose them
 - He poured himself into them and raised them up to depend on the Holy Spirit and lead
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- He believed that God had called Peter to lead the early church - even when he saw so many imperfections.
 - He believed in Thomas - even when Thomas didn't believe in him
 - He believed in Matthew the tax collector - even when the other disciples wanted nothing to do with him

They went on to change the world!

2. Eli believed in young Samuel

1 Samuel 3:7-9 (NIV)

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
8 A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”
Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Samuel was just a young boy

- Eli recognised the prophetic anointing and trained him to respond to the Lord

Samuel went on to be one of Israel’s greatest judges and prophets

3. Paul believed in young Timothy

Acts 16:1-3 (NIV)
1 Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. 2 The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. 3 Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Timothy was a young man but Paul saw something in him that made him want to take him along and train him for apostolic ministry

- He grew to become the leader of the church in Ephesus
- And a great apostle working with Paul

BIG IDEA: Mobilising leaders see potential and believe in the potential of others enough to take risks with them

QUESTIONS:

1. When you look at team members and people you work with, do you more easily see a 10 or see a 1 in terms of their potential?
2. Do you find it easy to trust and risk with potential leaders or do you struggle? Why?
3. Can you identify a few people in your sphere of influence that you can take a risk with? Are you willing to try?