



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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#1: Raising up Large Capacity Leaders

12 Ways we can grow our capacity to raise up larger capacity leaders

Based on Dudley Daniels book: Biblical Leadership - chapters 6-8

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INTRODUCTION:

"By [high capacity] I do not mean people who have great anointing or a high 'wattage' in terms of the power of God. I think that it is possible to have that and still have a small capacity because we make the wrong choices."

Big capacity is about ordering and governing our lives in a way that we limit God as little as possible

God's three main channels that He works through:

- His Word
- His Spirit
- His man or woman - leaders!

We are the limiting factor!

"Our capacity for truth and for God increases as we embrace His adjustments. As we develop our ability to adjust, we become bigger people. If we resist change and refuse adjustment, however, we will remain small, and small-capacity leaders simply cannot raise up others who are large capacity leaders."

Two things:

A. Being teachable is the key to growing your capacity

Andy Stanley *"When a leader stops learning, a leader stops leading"*

A lack of teachability is the SINGLE BIGGEST hindrance to our growth in capacity

- As soon as we think we have arrived as a leader, we start becoming irrelevant

B. "Small capacity leaders simply can't raise up large capacity leaders"

- We as leaders are the limiting factor to everyone else's growth!
- But if we do grow, it will have a ripple effect for others to grow as well.

12 WAYS TO GROWING OUR CAPACITY AS LEADERS

1. We need a larger theology in order to enlarge our capacity

"Our concept of God is, for the most part, far too small, and so we need to develop a larger concept of God. We place such limitations on Him, and we have shrunk Him down in our minds."

This is not intentional - this is just the way it is!

- Out concept of God determines how much you are willing to trust Him
- Not talking academic understanding or degrees in theology - but living REVELATION of God

Personal: Found revelation more practical than leadership skills

- Eg. Knowing Jesus as my Shepherd has changed my leadership strategy
- Instead of worrying about how to get where I believe God wants us to go
- That’s the Shepherds job. The sheep’s job is to stay within earshot of the Shepherd!

“The truth is that He is so huge that the whole of the heavens cannot contain Him, and yet we often want our theology to contain Him. We need a theology that not only embraces the ‘largeness’ of God, but one that can also cope with things we do not understand about God. In becoming larger capacity people, we have to somehow enlarge our theology and our capacity for God.”

Remember the words of Jesus to Peter:

Matthew 16:17 (NIV)

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

That’s why at a personal level, we as leaders need to be seeking a deeper and greater revelation of God and His Word

#1: BIG CAPACITY LEADERS ARE CONSTANTLY GROWING THEIR CAPACITY FOR GOD

QUESTIONS:

1. How would you, in your own words, describe what ‘capacity’ means when it comes to leadership?
2. What is the difference between an academic understanding of God and revelation?