



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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#3: The Value of the Leader

8 Part series designed to smash the limitations a poverty mentality places on a leader

Catch up:

1. A **POVERTY SPIRIT** or **poverty mentality** is a limiting way of thinking built on a spirit of lack, defeat, neglect of helplessness.
2. A Poverty Mentality is a **Gospel issue** - when the Gospel doesn't connect people to their Heavenly Father they are left trying to earn value from the world instead of receiving it from the Father.

#3: Why is it so important that a leader understands their value?

BIG IDEA: Because valuable people live valuable lives and add value to others

AND: People who don't know their value, shrink their lives to their low sense of value while they desperately seek value from the world

Classic example:

Judges 6:11-16 (NIV)

11 The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12 When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

13 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

14 The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

15 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

16 The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

Notice the gap between Gideon's sense of value and the value God saw in him:

- Gideon was living in fear. God called him a Mighty Warrior.
- Gideon saw himself as a helpless victim. God saw him as a deliverer leader.
- Gideon saw himself as weak and inferior. God saw him as a conqueror.

Notice the source of Gideon's value:

- *"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior"*
- *"Am I not sending you?"*
- *"I will be with you"*

None of this value was earned. It was all received from God

BIG IDEA: Valuable people live valuable lives and add value to others. People who don't know their value, shrink their lives to their low sense of value while desperately try and earn value from the world.

CHALLENGE:

How valuable are you?

- Do you feel valuable?
- Have others told you you are valuable?
- What do you tell yourself?
- If you had to measure how valuable you feel, out of 10 - what would it be? (Average 3-4/10)

The world values us by:

- Your performance or ability
- Your wealth or achievements
- Your beauty or strength
- BUT EVEN BEAUTIFUL AND RICH PEOPLE OFTEN DON'T FEEL VALUABLE because there is always someone richer or more successful

Or the world runs down your value:

- Social media compares you
- Inner voice of condemnation belittles you
- Voices of your past spoke words that hurt you
- Voice of fear hold you back

BUT WHAT DOES YOUR FATHER SAY?

- That's what the next five episodes are all about!
- Leaders need to receive their value from the Father otherwise they will try and get it from the people they lead!

QUESTIONS:

1. What did you score yourself out of 10 for how valuable you feel? What does the Father score you at?
2. What voices have shrunk your sense of value?
3. How do you relate to Gideon's story? How would you feel if God spoke those words over you?