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Thinking like a Leader: Moses

Focus is on the lessons of thinking like a leader that God taught Moses .

Thinking about Leadership

***(Dudley Daniel “Leading the Church” 1989, Chapter 1
- Biblical Leadership)***

MOSES LEARNS TO THINK LIKE A LEADER

The people are in the desert and Moses is doing his best to lead them but struggling. They are complaining and wanting to go back to bondage in Egypt. Of course they focus their grumbles on the leader - Moses

Here he Moses describes how he feels - maybe you can identify:

Numbers 11:13-15 (NIV) ¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”

God doesn't kill him. But rather teaches him to think about leadership differently

4 TRUTHS GOD TEACHES MOSES

1. God's desire is to spread the burden and responsibility of leadership

Numbers 11:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

God's desire is not to push his leaders into burnout or breakdown

- *God's desire is for leaders to work in team*
- *To spread the load of leadership*

Tyrone Daniel "God's solution to increased burden is shared burden"

HOW DO LEADERS THINK: THEY THINK TEAM

2. The leader must also desire and be willing to see the workload shared

God commanded Moses to call up to duty 70 of Israel's elders so that he could anoint them to help lead. They began to prophesy but Joshua wanted to stop them as if this was the job for Moses alone.

Numbers 11:28-29 (NIV) ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD'S people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

This reveals the heart of Moses that he was wanting to share the leadership burden.

Not all leaders do

Some leaders want to keep control and so refuse to open their hands and release authority and responsibility to others.

- *That puts a lid on their and their organizations growth*
- *That's what leads to burn out*
- *That's what causes potential leaders to leave a leader in search of someone who will raise and release them*

HOW DO LEADERS THINK: THEY THINK SHARE THE LOAD

3. God may anoint some men that we have not considered!

There were two out of 70 that didn't get the message and appear before the Lord

- *Perhaps they were overlooked because they were not considered leadership material*
- *Perhaps they didn't consider themselves leadership types*

But God did

Numbers 11:26-27 (NIV)²⁷ *However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."*

Example: The same thing happened to David. His own dad didn't consider him as a potential leader!

- *But God chose him*

We need to listen to what God is saying and not just what we are seeing.

HOW DO LEADERS THINK: THEY KNOW THAT THERE MIGHT BE LEADERS OUT THERE THAT WE HAVE NOT CONSIDERED

4. Faithfulness is not enough: they must also be anointed

God anoints his leaders for the task ahead

- *That anointing is recognisable by people*
- *Here it was by them prophesying*
- *It might be the fruit of success, gifting or wisdom*
- *But anointing should be evident*
- *Just being faithful is not enough!*

Numbers 11:24-25 (NIV)²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent.²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

Example: Elijah was replaced by Elisha, not Gehazi.

- *Faithfulness is crucial*
- *But it is not enough*

HOW DO LEADERS THINK: THEY LOOK FOR THE FRUIT OF ANOINTING

QUESTION:

Consider how Moses was taught to think and how you currently think.

Leaders think:

- 1. Team*
- 2. Share the load*
- 3. Are there some I have not considered?*
- 4. Are there signs of anointing?*

What needs to change in your thinking?

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