

LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE

“When God demands more of you, it's because He sees more in you!” (Steven Furtick). Who here feels like God is calling you into more right now? That is because He has created you for moments like these. God created you for a purpose that is greater than yourself. Your vision should demand more from you. If it didn't demand more of you, then the vision is not great enough.

QUESTION - What does this quote mean to you?

P12 Lesson: YOU'RE THE ONE THAT WILL REACH THE ONE! (Part 2)

Our 2021 Mission Statement is “Every one reach one for 2021.”

Let's say it again together: “Every one reach on for 2021.” Our Easter and Marriage Challenge vision is that everyone bring **one family** to Easter and sign up **one couple** for Marriage Challenge.

QUESTION - Does anyone already know who they will be inviting this Easter or Marriage Challenge?

Let's open up to Judges 6:1-6. Who would like to read that?

Judges 6:1-6 (NLT) 1 The **Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites** for seven years. 2 **The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves** in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. 3 **Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel,** 4 **camping in the land and destroying crops** as far away as Gaza. **They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys.** 5 **These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves** of camels too numerous to count. 6 **So Israel was reduced to starvation** by the Midianites. **Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.**

WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF THE ONES WE ARE REACHING?

CONDITION #1 - THEY DID EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD.

To make it simple, we are reaching out to sinners just like we were. We all needed a savior in our lives, and so do they. Nobody can say they are better than someone else, because we all start out in the same place. Someone please read Romans 3:23.

Romans 3:23 (NLT) **For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.**

Jesus didn't come to judge sinners, but to save sinners. So if he didn't judge sinners, then neither should we. The word **Judge** means (krino) to pronounce final judgment on, to pronounce guilty, sentence to punishment.

QUESTION - How does judging others actually hurt them more than it helps them?

Someone please read Romans 2:1-3.

Romans 2:1-3 (NLT) 2 You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. 2 And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. 3 Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things?

QUESTION - If our job is not to judge sinners, then how should we treat them?

CONDITION #2 - THEY WERE HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR BAD CHOICES.

Consequences and judgment are two different things. Consequences are not a result of God's judgment but a result of the choices that we've made. We need to be careful that we're not blaming God for the consequences our bad choices. One of the first steps of getting restored is taking personal responsibility for our life choices. Someone please read Deuteronomy 30:19.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (ESV) "Today I am giving you a choice of two ways. And I ask heaven and earth to be witnesses of your choice. You can choose life or death. The first choice will bring a blessing. The other choice will bring a curse. So choose life! Then you and your children will live.

QUESTION - What are consequences that you've experienced from a bad choice you made?

WHAT WERE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR CHOICES?

CONSEQUENCE #1 - ADDICTION

Another way to say addiction in historical days is slavery. Sin always leads to slavery. It always comes with mental, emotional and physical chains. Let's look at Romans 6:16. Who would like to read that?

Romans 6:16 (ERV) Surely you know that you become the slaves of whatever you give yourselves to. Anything or anyone you follow will be your master. You can follow sin, or you can obey God. Following sin brings spiritual death, but obeying God makes you right with him.

QUESTION - How do you avoid falling into a state of addiction (or slavery) before it gets that far?

True freedom is only available through Christ. We cannot be set free and stay free from slavery or addiction without the power of Jesus! Someone read Galatians 5:1.

Galatians 5:1 (ERV) We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong in that freedom. Don't go back into slavery again.

CONSEQUENCE #2 - AFFLICTION AND ABUSE.

They suffered for 7 years under the oppression of the Medianites through abusive relationships, spiritual torment, rejection and cruelty.

The word **Affliction** means: a state of pain, distress, grief, misery, hardship, torment, depression, misfortune, sickness. Sin always leads to affliction and abuse.

Psalm 107:17 (ESV) Some were fools through their sinful ways, and **because of their iniquities suffered affliction;**

The Good news is that we no longer need to be under the affliction of Satan any longer. We can be healed through Jesus!

Jeremiah 30:17 (ESV) For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord, because they have called you an outcast: 'It is Zion, for whom no one cares!

QUESTION - How has Jesus brought you out of a state of affliction?

CONSEQUENCE #3 - DESTRUCTION AND LACK.

When we choose to serve our sin, it never works out and is never enough. With sin there is no progress, no harvest, and no prosperity.

QUESTION - What are some real life examples of destruction and lack that you've seen?

Some examples are relationships that don't work, jobs don't work out, goals never come to pass, it always seems to end in destruction and no production. Someone please read Proverbs 14:12.

Proverbs 14:12 (TPT) You can rationalize it all you want and justify the path of error you have chosen, but you'll find out in the end that you took the road to destruction.

Jesus has come to give us an abundant life, not a life of destruction and lack.

John 10:10 (AMP) The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

LAST QUESTION - What is something you learned today?

GIVING

We have officially opened a new men's home at our Arrowhead Campus. Our new home leader is Jeremiah, who has been in our home for over a year. He has grown from a place of destruction and bondage to a place where he can lead other men through the word of God. Let's continue giving today, as we make room for more lives to be transformed with God's love!