

THE GIFT OF LEADERSHIP

God anoints leaders who must respond with integrity and courage

KEY POINTS

- ❖ People often say of a child, "He's a natural leader." Leadership is influence—taking people places they otherwise would not go, for good or bad.
- ❖ The question has long been asked: are leaders born or made?
- ❖ Romans 12:6-8 reminds us that leadership is a spiritual gift: "We have different gifts...if it is to lead, do it diligently." Leadership, then, is a gift to be developed.
- ❖ Peter Wagner defined the gift this way: "To set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God."
- ❖ God has always raised leaders for His purposes. David, described as a man after God's own heart, offers in his last words in 2 Samuel 23:1-7 a picture of leadership that still speaks with power today.

God chooses and anoints people with the spiritual gift of leadership.

- ❖ David looked back on his life and testified that though he was the son of Jesse, overlooked by his family, he had been exalted by the Most High and anointed by the God of Jacob (2 Sam. 23:1-2).
- ❖ Leadership was not something David claimed for himself. It was God who placed His Spirit upon David, putting His Word on David's tongue so that he could guide the people.
- ❖ The gift of leadership enabled David to unite Israel and carry them to places they would never have gone on their own.
- ❖ In the same way, God does not give His people a vision without also raising leaders to see it through.
- ❖ Some feel that stirring within their spirit when the call is spoken aloud, and though nervous, their heart says, "I can do that." Leadership is never about self-promotion but about stepping into God's call to move His people forward.
- ❖ True leaders rise when God stirs them, even if others might overlook them, just as Jesse's youngest son was overlooked before being chosen.

Spiritual leadership demands personal integrity.

- ❖ David declared that when one rules in righteousness and in the fear of God, he is like the sunrise on a clear morning or the brightness after rain (v. 3-4). Such leadership brings clarity, direction, and new life.
- ❖ Righteous leadership is marked by justice, moral character, and integrity. Integrity is not perfection, but it includes the willingness to turn back to God when one stumbles.

KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ David could say that his house was right with God, secured in covenant and upheld by His salvation (v. 5).
- ❖ Leaders who delight themselves in the Lord, as Psalm 37:4 teaches, will find their desires shaped by His mission "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).
- ❖ Integrity ensures stability, not just for the leader but for those who follow.
- ❖ Like the sunrise dispelling the night or the rain reviving the earth, godly leadership creates conditions where people can grow strong, confident, and fruitful.

Spiritual leadership demands the courage to confront wisely.

- ❖ David also warned that evil men are like thorns—harmful to touch without tools of iron and destined to be destroyed where they lie (v.v. 6-7).
- ❖ Leadership requires the courage to confront opposition without becoming what is being confronted.
- ❖ Wise leaders know that resistance cannot be handled casually. Instead, they rely on tested and godly principles, firm yet measured, that preserve their integrity before the Lord.
- ❖ This kind of courage is not reckless, but purposeful. It is the courage that confronts for the sake of protecting the flock, the courage that endures criticism yet remains steadfast, and the courage that trusts God's strength to remove what would otherwise wound His people.
- ❖ God anoints leaders who must respond with integrity and courage.
- ❖ The first step is salvation through Jesus Christ: "Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. In 2 Samuel 23:1-2, David says, "The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue." What does this reveal about where true leadership authority comes from?
2. David described his house as being right with God (2 Sam. 23:5). What steps can today's leaders take to keep their "house" aligned with God?

PRAYER TIME

Father, help us walk in righteousness, lead with courage, and serve with integrity so Your people may flourish. Amen

WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.



(Reminds me/Confirms)



(New idea)



(Think about)



(Do this)



(Speaks to my heart)



(Must share)

Start-up: When you were a kid, did classmates ever call someone "the boss" of the group? What made this "boss" stand out?

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE
WORD

PRAYER FOCUS: F.S. students and teachers in our schools, colleges and universities.

24-hour Prayer: Monday @ 12:00 a.m. to Sunday @ 12:00 a.m.;
Daily Devotions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;
Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)
Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.), Saturday morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH CONFERENCE 2025

Join us for our Faith Annual Conference from Friday, September 19th to Sunday, September 21st.
We have a powerful weekend prepared with interactive electives during our Saturday session, and our guest speakers during the conference are Pastor Raymond Woodward and Pastor Doril Green! For more information, please contact Pastor Adrian Peel.

MEN'S HIKING TRIP

Join us for a men's hiking trip on Saturday, September 27th, 2025. The carpool will meet at Faith Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. before heading to the Niagara Glen Nature Center (3050 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls). Please note that pay parking is available on site. As a reminder, participants are encouraged to bring their favourite snacks and to dress comfortably. For more details, please contact Bro. James, Bro. Kenneth, or Bro. Bob.

STOREHOUSE

The storehouse is in need of the following non-perishable food items: Pasta, rice, sugar, canned sardines, peas, beans, corned beef, soup, condensed milk, etc.
Contact: Bro. Richard or Sis. Naomi Daley

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.
(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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*"When one rules over people
in righteousness, when he
rules in the fear of God,
he is like the light of
morning at sunrise."
2 Samuel 23:3-4 (NIV)*

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