

# BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP PT. 2

INTRO: U-571 clip

(REVIEW)

## 1) Why does leadership Matter?

- Leadership matters because we are either leading those we influence towards Christ or away from him.

## 2) What does it mean to lead?

- **Bible:** Leadership is guiding others with the wisdom and love of Christ in whatever task/role that God has entrusted or called you to.

## 3) How should I lead as a Christian?

- **FOUNDATIONAL thought:** Part of being made in the image of God means leading creation.
- We have been commissioned to actively participate in our world for its good and God's glory.

## 4) What kinds of leadership does the Bible portray?

## 5) What lessons in leadership do we see in Biblical characters?

- **Adaptive Leadership (Deborah):** embraces change, challenging the status quo in favor of experimentation and innovation. (Judges 4)  
+Deborah settled disputes under palm tree between Ramah and Bethel: central spot.  
+Compelled Barak ("I will go if You go") to lead Israelites into creative battle against Canaanite general Sisera. Lured chariots into a marshland and attacked them.  
>>Get ready to lead in unexpected ways through faith.
- **Authentic Leadership (Peter):** Lives in keen understanding of who they are and leads through resilience and confidence of their strengths for their mission. (Matthew 16:15-19)  
+ "You are the Christ!", I will never deny you, wash my whole Body, ear slicing, healing lame man, testifying before Sanhedrin, prison escape.  
>>Lead as the person God designed you as, content with the gifts he has given you.
- **Autocratic Leadership (God):** one leader exercises complete, authoritarian control over a group or organization with no care/need for outside ideas.  
>>Remember who is ultimately in charge.
- **Charismatic Leadership (Saul):** Lead from an existing magnetism and conviction, motivating others to accomplish inspirational goals.  
+Head taller (1 Samuel 10:23) Rallies troops and rescues Jabesh Gilead (1 Samuel 11:1-14)  
>>Don't rely on your strengths, but trust God through your weaknesses.
- **Ethical leadership (Joseph):** demonstrates and promotes moral conduct through personal actions and interpersonal relations. (Genesis 37-47)  
>>When we live above reproach, it inspires others to raise the bar.
- **Exemplary Leadership (Nehemiah):** Model the way, inspire a shared vision, challenge the process, enable others to act, and encourage the heart.  
+Building the wall, problem solving, resource management, working with Ezra.

>>God gives practical solutions to leaders seeking His wisdom and heart.

- **Servant Leadership (Moses)**: focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong, heavily utilizing delegation.  
+Moses was humble and knew his place with God (Numbers 12:7)  
+When he could not serve everyone, he delegated responsibilities (Exodus 18:13-27)  
>>When you put others first, Jesus becomes front and center.
- **Situational Leadership (Joshua)**: adapts the style of leading to suit the current need through telling, selling, participating, and delegating.  
+Promised land report (Numbers 14), Crossing the Jordan, (Joshua 3), Conquest of Ai (Joshua 8), Dividing the land (Joshua 13-21, Final challenge (Joshua 23-24)  
>>Never limit how God can use you if you are willing.
- **Transformational Leadership (David)**: inspires those in their care to strive beyond required expectations to work toward a shared vision that changes them and the social systems they are a part of.  
+Goliath (1 Samuel 17), Mighty Men (1 Samuel 22:1-2), Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)  
>>Only God can change the heart of mankind, but he can use you for that change.

## 6) What wisdom does scripture give us for leading well?

(If Time) Group exercise looking at the following passages:

- Psalm 78:72
- Proverbs 11:14
- Matthew 20:26–28
- Luke 12:48
- John 13:13–17
- Acts 20:28
- Romans 12:3–8
- Ephesians 4:11–13
- James 3:1
- Philippians 2:3–4

## 7) Who can I encourage to lead?

- We've been designed to lead and Jesus channels that into a mission.
- READ: Matthew 28:18-20  
*<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of<sup>all</sup> all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,<sup>all</sup> I am with you always,<sup>all</sup> to the end of the age."*
- **Pour into another person's life so that they will in turn pour into another's.**
- Example: Barnabas and Paul, Paul mentors Silas, Timothy, and Titus.