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(Bible verses using the NIV translation)

1. Leadership is peace when there is turmoil, storms and a possibility of things going wrong.
 - Mark 4v35 *“That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.””*
 - Peace is born out of a circled belief in the Word of God.
 - Where there is faith there is peace
 - Romans 5v1-2 *“¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”*
 - Philippians 4v6 *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

Questions:

- (1) Are we as leaders preaching the gospel of peace in the midst of the storm?
- (2) Are we encouraging our followers to believe God for the best in the midst of the worst?
- (3) Are we feeding people’s faith or feeding their anxieties?

2. Leadership is wisdom when gross foolishness takes over the nation and people are gullible.

James 1v5-7 *“⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of*



the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.”

- Wisdom is defined as expert knowledge (i.e. expertise) and judgment in the “fundamental pragmatics of life” – that is, “the ways and means of planning, managing, and understanding a good life”
- Wise people have extraordinary insight, knowledge, and skill concerning the meaning and conduct of life, and are able to judge and give advice on difficult and ambiguous life issues.
- While ancient philosophical and religious discourses typically regarded wisdom as a rare attribute reserved for sages, the Berlin paradigm considers wisdom-related knowledge to be an individual difference characteristic that is distributed along a continuum in the general population.
- The Berlin researchers derived five distinct sub-dimensions of wisdom from previous theoretical and empirical research on expertise, lifespan psychology, and cultural-historical as well as philosophical analyses of wisdom.
- The five wisdom dimensions are:
 - (1) rich factual knowledge about life;
 - (2) rich procedural knowledge about life;
 - (3) lifespan contextualism;
 - (4) relativism of values and life priorities; and
 - (5) recognition and management of uncertainty.

Questions:

- (1) Do we as leaders ask God to give us wisdom to correctly navigate the difficult circumstances under which we and the congregation find ourselves in?



- (2) Are we as leaders asking God not just to package a sermon but to package wisdom points from the sermon?
- (3) Are we praying Ephesians 1v17 for our people?

Ephesians 1v17 “I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

3. Leadership is support when the weak go hungry and the vulnerable taken advantage of by the mighty.

- Support / supportive / supporter
- Support is to take our followers by the hand as they go through difficult times
- Support is reinforcing and reinforcement of our beliefs as they are challenged by circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5v14 *“And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”*

Psalm 46v1-3 *“¹ For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamothe. A song. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.”*

Isaiah 41v10 *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Job 26v2 *“How you have helped the powerless! How you have saved the arm that is feeble!”*



Acts 20v35 *“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

Romans 15v1 *“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.”*

Questions:

- (1) Are we learning to bear the infirmities of the weak and to take them upon ourselves so that we act as if they were our own, so that by our sympathy we relieve the consciences of the weak?
 - (2) Are we learning to use our exhortation and preaching to support those who have been weakened by the economic situation around the Covid-19?
 - (3) Are we learning to provide strength and to infuse strength of faith so that we can drive away doubt and hesitation?
4. Leadership is courage when facing a raging crises of faith, crises of identity, national crises.
- Courage is a quality of mind and spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger and pain without fear.
 - Courage sometimes is called bravery.
 - The quality of a confident character not to be afraid or intimidated easily but without incautious or inconsiderate.
 - Courage is grace under pressure.
 - Fear is a reaction, courage is a decision.
 - Plato says “courage is knowing what not to fear.”
 - Nelson Mandela said “I learn that courage was not the absence of fear but the triumph over it.”



- Somebody said “if you want something you’ve never had you had to do something you’ve done.”
- You get in life what you have courage to ask for.
- Courage is being yourself every day in a world that tells you to be someone else.
- Courage isn’t having the strength to go on – it’s going when you don’t have the strength.
- It’s easy to stand in the crowd but it takes courage to stand alone.

Questions:

- (1) Are we learning as leaders not to let our actions and preaching to influence our fears?
 - (2) Are we learning to convert the fears of our followers into courageous faith, possessing the inner strength to follow their dreams?
 - (3) Are we learning to help our people to try again tomorrow after having failed dismally today?
 - (4) Are we teaching our people resistance to fear and mastery of fear?
5. Leadership is demonstrating the spirit of Moses in front of the Red Sea.

Questions:

- (1) What do you do when you come to situations that look like a cul-de-sac while it’s an opportunity from above?
6. Leadership is demonstrating the spirit of David in front of the giant Goliath.
7. Leadership is walking on the water to go to Jesus in spite of dangers.





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