

All Leaders Meeting - April 2014

"Capacity"

Problem:

No matter how good a leader is, all of us have limitations

We don't know everything. We aren't perfect. We get scared...

This is something every leader faces again & again & again...

Capacity- the end of your ability to lead.

Sooner or later, you & I hit the end of the road in our ability to know what is the right next move or to have the courage to do it

Two main areas that will determine our capacity: Lids & Edges

Understanding how these realities affect our capacity is crucial

1. Leadership Lids:

Bad attitude

Not being punctual

Not teachable

Busy/ Standard of living that's not accommodating for the Gospel

Easily & quickly overwhelmed

Inflexible/ "My way or the highway"

Proud/ "Certain tasks are beneath you..."

Gossiping/Uncontrollable tongue

Not trustworthy

Not faithful/ don't do what you say you'll do

Irresponsible/Blame-shifting

2. Leadership Edges

Think of it like the scene in Lord Of The Rings...

Sam: "This is it." Frodo: "This is what? Sam: "If I take one more step, it'll be the farthest away from home I've ever been." Frodo: "Come on, Sam. Remember what Bilbo used to say: "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, & if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

Sam had an edge that confined him to the shire

Another way to say this is a "comfort zone"

Abraham had this too...

Genesis 12:1 - *"Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your*

country & your kindred & your father's house to the land that I will show you."

Examples Of Edges:

Unwilling to go where there's potential to fail/stretch self...

Unwilling to give or serve sacrificially

Unwilling to confront someone in sin, especially loved ones...

Unwilling to try something we've never done before

Unwilling to risk losing relationships keeping us back

What Do We Typically Do?

Settle/ "Make Camp"

Shrink Back

Run Away

Out To A "Functional Savior"

What Should We Do?

Hebrews 10:39 - *"But we are not of those who shrink back & are destroyed, but of those who have faith & preserve their souls."*

Pray= Turn To The One W/ No Limitations

2 Corinthians 9:8- "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

Philippians 4:19- "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Psalms 23:1- "A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Praying is what we are told to do when we face difficulty

It's not because God needs the info because He knows everything

It's because God has the power to do what is necessary for us

James 1:5-8- "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all w/out reproach, & it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, w/ no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven & tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

Ask Advice

Proverbs 1:20-22- "Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing & fools hate knowledge?"

Bible often calls it getting "wise counsel" (See Proverbs)

Proverbs 15:22- "W/out counsel plans fail, but w/ many advisers they succeed."

Wait

Isaiah 40:28-31- "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, & to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint & be weary, & young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up w/ wings like eagles; they shall run & not be weary; they shall walk & not faint"