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Script References

Introduction

Eli: Eli here. Today, we're continuing the session on godly leadership. Do me a favor; think back to a time when you had a leader you really liked. I bet it was someone you had a personal connection with. Someone you felt cared about you.

Leaders who act as servants of the people they lead are memorable. So today, I want you to think about leadership like this: Godly leadership is all about serving God's mission and God's people.

Jesus' Teaching on Servant Leadership

And we have a perfect role model in Jesus, who showed us that the best way to lead is through selfless service.

In one example from the Bible, two of Jesus' followers approached Jesus with a request. They wanted positions of power and prestige in God's kingdom. They wanted to sit at his right and left hand when his time of glory came.

Unsurprisingly, this request didn't sit well with Jesus' other followers. They even started arguing over who was the greatest. Jesus used this as an opportunity to teach a lesson.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45)

If you haven't already, open up your bible and *read Mark 10:35-45*. *In your own words, explain Jesus' teaching. What's the difference between the world's version of greatness and the way Jesus is describing? Do you ever find yourself motivated by a desire for prestige and position? What steps can you take to put this teaching into practice?*

Service, Not Entitlement

Jesus showed us that leadership isn't about wielding power over others; it's about empowering those we lead by serving them.

This is a radical concept. Most of what the world considers leadership is self-serving; it says that the people who work under you are there to fulfill your needs.

When you start thinking that way, then you start feeling entitled. You start feeling that everyone exists for your benefit.

But God's Word says the exact opposite. It says—

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

Entitlement is easy, but looking out for the interests of others takes effort. So today, the spiritual discipline I'm challenging you to practice is service.

Service is rooted in seeing - seeing others as God does. We will never really serve others unless we see their needs as real and important as our own.

Take stock for a moment. Who in your daily life do you have the opportunity to serve? What are their needs? What actions could you take – big or small - to care for their interests? Pause the video and write down your thoughts.

Godly leadership is not about pursuing power or authority but about wholeheartedly serving others. So, let's be the servant leaders Jesus calls us to be.

Let's lead with love, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and witness the positive impact we can make in the lives of those around us.