

LEAD, FOLLOW, & GET OUT OF THE WAY

SERMON NOTES:

Lead

Patience can persuade a prince, and soft speech can crush strong opposition.

— Proverbs 25:15

Anything that you have to do is not more important than the person in front of you.

Sometimes God will put you in the middle of a problem because He needs you to be the solution.

1. He prayed before the problem and prayed his way through the problem.

2. God needed a leader who would stay faithful even in hard times.

But I want you to keep your head no matter what happens. Don't give up when times are hard.

Work to spread the good news. Do everything God has given you to do.

— 2 Timothy 4:5 (NIRV)

God needs leaders who aren't afraid of responsibility.

Follow

If you'll plug into the right inputs you will produce the right outputs.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

for You are with me.

— Psalm 23:4 (BSB)

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Most seasons in our life are determined by decisions.

God won't threaten you into following His instructions.

The direction of your life will be defined by who you follow.

There's power in pursuit.

Get Out of the Way

How else would we know that with God all things are possible if we never faced the impossible?

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

— 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. How can you be a better leader this week?
2. How can you be a better follower this week?
3. In what areas do you need to get out of the way this week?
4. In the message, Pastor Jeremy said, "These are the times that try men's souls." What areas of your life are being tried during this time?
5. What are you seeing on the other side of this crisis?
6. What does your prayer life look like right now?
 - Does it need to change? What are some practical steps you can take to do that this week?

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7. Can God trust you to be a leader during hard times?
 - How can you get better at leading yourself and leading others during this time?
8. In the message, Pastor Jeremy said that God will never give you a life that makes Him unnecessary...
 - What are some ways you need God in this season? How can you continue to rely on Him?