WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH

SERMON DATE
July 24, 2024

Time to Lead

I. Leadership Required

Ezekiel 22:30-31 (NIV®)

30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, **but I found none**. 31 So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD."

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV®)

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Revelation 2:18-20 (NIV®)

18 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. 20 Nevertheless, **I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

II. Volunteers Recruited

A. Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV®)

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "**Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!**"

B. Jesus

Philippians 2:5-13 (NIV®)

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, **did not consider equality with God something to be grasped**, 7 but made himself nothing, **taking the very nature of a servant**, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself and became obedient** to death-- even death on a cross! 9 **Therefore God exalted him** to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

III. Leadership Components

A. A Servant

Matthew 20:24-28 (NIV®)

24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 Jesus called them
together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials
exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among
you **must be your servant**, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- 28 just as the
Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John 13:12-17 (NIV®)

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you
understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and
rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you
also should wash one another's feet. 15 **I have set you an example that you should do as I
have done for you.** 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger
greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do
them.

B. Children Matter

Matthew 10:42 (NIV®)

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, **I
tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward**."

Matthew 18:1-7, 10 (NIV®)

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "**Who is the greatest in the kingdom of
heaven?**" 2 He called a little child and had him stand among them. 3 And he said: "I tell you the
truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5 "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. 6 But if anyone causes
one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone
hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. 7 "Woe to the world because of
the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they
come! … 10 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels
in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

C. The Role of Generosity

John 3:16 (NIV®)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall
not perish but have eternal life.

John 10:17-18 (NIV®)

17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. 18 No one
takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to
take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Prayer

Almighty God, You raise up nations and put them down. You are a God of mercy and justice. We ask You to look upon America with mercy. We have been ungrateful and unholy; forgive us. Do not respond to us according to our choices but from Your heart of grace. Grant us leaders who fear Your name. Awaken Your people to righteousness and purity. Give us boldness to stand for the truth—no matter the cost. We ask all of this in Jesus' name, amen.

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