

# Kingdom Leadership: Leading in Vulnerability

Many times when God called on people to step into leadership, they were fearful and doubtful. Instead of seeing what God could do they saw their own flaws. What God shows us is that by embracing our weaknesses we allow Him to grow us, transform us, and equip us to do more than we think we are capable of. The bigger the mountain the greater work we get to see God do!

## Gideon: Judges 6:14-16

14 The Lord looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?" 15 He said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house." 16 But the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man."

## Jeremiah: Jeremiah 1: 4-8

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth." 7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. 8 "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord.

## Moses: (Moses actually gave 5 reasons why he shouldn't lead) 3:11-12, 3:13-15, 4:1-9, 4:10-12, 4:13-16

10 Then Moses said to the Lord, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 The Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say."

God doesn't call us to do this alone. There is an individual and corporate calling. Leading in vulnerability also allows for deeper connection with others. Your weaknesses might be someone else's strength and vice versa. By recognizing our strengths/weaknesses, we can empower and grow each other to step into our calling.

## Reflection

1. How is God calling you to lead in vulnerability?
2. Is there something God has called you to do but you were too afraid to do? How can you overcome this fear?
3. How have you been empowered by the leaders around you? How might you empower other leaders?

*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!" Isaiah 6:8*