

Servant Leadership

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LESSON 1

Servant Leadership

is a **non-traditional leadership philosophy**, embedded in a set of behaviors and practices that place a primary emphasis on the well-being of those being served. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

- Greenleaf For Servant Leadership
- <https://www.greenleaf.org/what-is-servant-leadership/>

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“Kinsman Redeemer”

Every responsibility we have in the kingdom of God in leadership **MUST** be built on the goal of winning others to God (harvest within included).

2 Corinthians 5:17

- (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; **behold, all things are become new**.

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“All things become new”

Our view must become Christ focused, which is why we must have the renewing of our mind to prove what is the Will of God – to ourselves and others (Romans 12:1-4)

Becoming a Pillar!

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

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“Ministry of Reconciliation”

- Reconcile souls to Jesus Christ!
- Reconcile saints to their Pastor.
- Reconcile converts to Church.
- Reconcile spouses and families.
- Reconcile children to their parents.

All leadership in the kingdom must have this focus above all other tasks.



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- **Revelation 3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.
- Ruth is an example of the saint being strengthened by the Pillar (type of Christ)
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When you are established in the LORD, you can be used to reconcile others to God. This influence is the most critical that God has given to a redeemed soul. Every saint of God must have a goal to have influence on others. It is the only proper motive of working in the kingdom of God and fulfilling the great commission.



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- In the Kingdom of God we are **stewards**. We don't OWN anything!!!! We must be very careful when working as a leader in the kingdom not to overstep our attitude in thinking we are in control.

Luke 12:42-46

- (42) And the Lord said, Who then is that **faithful and wise steward**, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season?
- (43) Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
- (44) Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.
- (45) But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and **shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens**, and **to eat and drink, and to be drunken;**

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- **2 Chronicles 3:17** And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand **Jachin**, and the name of that on the left **Boaz**.
- Boaz (Hebrew **בֹּאֵז** *bo'az* "In him/it [is] strength")
- Jachin (Hebrew **יָכִין** *yakin* "He/it will establish")
 - (From the writing of Josephus)

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- **Ruth 1:19-22**
- (19) So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is this Naomi?*
- (20) And she said unto them, Call me not **Naomi**, call me **Mara**: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.
- (21) I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: **why then call ye me Naomi**, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?
- (22) So Naomi returned, and **Ruth the Moabitess**, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

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Naomi

נְעֻמִי *pleasant; Noomi, an Israelitess*
(Strong H5281)

Mara

מָרָא *bitter; Mara, a symbolical name of Naomi*
(Strong H4751)

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- **Ruth 2:1-4**
- (1) And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was **Boaz**.
- (2) And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.
- (3) And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.
- (4) And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

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Ruth was a Moabitess

Deuteronomy 23:3

- (3) An Ammonite or **Moabite** shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

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As a leader, a huge responsibility is laid upon our shoulders to inspire and influence others in the ministry of reconciliation, using the WORD of reconciliation.

It matters how we talk to our subordinates.

If in our attitude we consider ourselves above others, it will reflect in our speech and dealings with them.



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Never think of ourselves more highly than Elders. Learn to respect those that have worked in the kingdom and have more wisdom and defer your opinion to them!

1 Timothy 5:1-3

- (1) Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren;
- (2) The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.
- (3) Honour widows that are widows indeed.



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In our minds, when Elders are serving in our care, we must always remember to HONOR them. We should always show respect to our Elders. Consider our Pastor in every dealing and point to his authority and to God's Word.

- 1 Timothy 5:17
- (17) Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.



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Spiritual Authority flows down through submission to God’s order.

- Romans 13:1-2
- (1) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- (2) Whosoever therefore **resisteth the power**, **resisteth the ordinance** of God: and they that resist shall **receive to themselves damnation**.

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Give people the ability to grow and change the past. Take note of those who are faithful and loyal to the work of the kingdom and to the Word of God. Don't honor people because of financial status, good looks, education level, etc., our culture should be honoring those that take the kingdom of God seriously and are contributing to the spirit of the Church!



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Ruth 2:4

- (4) And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

Boaz – even though was the “master” intreated his servants as fellow heirs to God. Look at the greeting between he and the “servants”.



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Ruth 2:5-6

- (5) Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, **Whose damsel is this?**
- (6) And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the **Moabitish damsel** that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:
- (7) And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and **hath continued even from the morning until now**, that she tarried a little in the house.

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Boaz could have pointed out her Moabites background, and the Law would have been able to be declared and Ruth could have been thrown out of the field.....

But (Boaz) the Pillar demonstrates Servant Leadership – judging with the items we spoke of – he saw her loyalty and commitment instead of her background.



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Colossians 2:12-15

- (12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- (13) And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath **he quickened together with him**, having **forgiven you all trespasses**;
- (14) **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;**
- (15) **And having spoiled principalities and powers**, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

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- Ruth 2:8-10
- (8) Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Heardest thou not, my daughter? **Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here** fast by my maidens:
- (9) *Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.*
- (10) Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

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Ruth 2:11-12

- (11) And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.
- (12) The LORD recompense thy work, and **a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.**

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As a leader can we see when someone is loyal? Can we notice someone that has forsaken all to live for God and have it in our heart to strengthen them? Can we notice the qualities of a sincere heart (not a perfect person – no such thing) and feel the burden to lead them further – using our resources and open our blessings to flow into their lives?



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Boaz opened it up even further:

Ruth 2:14

- (14) And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

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- Ruth 2:15-17
- (15) And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:
- (16) And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.
- (17) So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

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The Last Supper

John 13:21-23

- (21) When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
- (22) Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.
- (23) Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

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The Last Supper

- John 13:26-27, 30
- (26) Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped *it*. **And when he had dipped the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.**
- (27) And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.
- (30) He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

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“The Last Supper” - Who is the Greatest?

Luke 22:24-26

- (24) And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.
- (25) And he said unto them, **The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them**; and they that exercise authority upon them are called **benefactors**.
- (26) But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

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“The Last Supper” - Who is the Greatest?

- Luke 22:27-30
- (27) For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is* not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.
- (28) Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.
- (29) And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;
- (30) That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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“The Last Supper” - Who is the Greatest?

John 13:34-35

- (34) A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- (35) By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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Being a Servant to others opens us up and we are vulnerable. We risk that others will take advantage of our kindness. Jesus knew for sure that Judas was a betrayer, but he still gave the sop to him. Remember we are serving a God that sees all.

Matthew 25:40

- (40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

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Items for next week's class

Influence – We will study Joseph and his trials from his dreams from God into being sold to slavery and then into prison, and his rise to leadership, forgiveness to his own brethren who forsook him. With all of these events, take note of him influencing others.

Inspiration – We will study Daniel being brought into captivity in Babylon, abstaining from the king's meat, the furnace his friends experience, and the lion's den he experienced – Inspired Kings and the people around them to know the God of Israel.



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